

Philosophical and Scientific Analysis of
Harris Sultan's
“Curse of god, Why I left Islam”

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

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To the believers and seekers of truth!

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INTRODUCTION

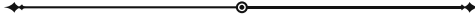
This is going to be a very short introduction as I'm a person who talks plain business and don't ever mingle around in words.

I received the news of a book named "The Curse of god – Why I left Islam" written by a Pakistani who's also from my city of Lahore, named Harris Sultan. Though he doesn't live here anymore and has shifted to Australia but it's my duty to return the favor to him. Though this is not the reason to write the book but just an additional information regarding our backgrounds.

Previously, I wrote a book named "Philosophical and Scientific Analysis of Richard Dawkins' God Delusion". After that book there wasn't much of a need to write an analysis of a deluding work but as I read Sultan's book I found out that he has tried to comment on Islam and the Prophet of Islam, so it became binding on me to analyze such writings in the light of knowledge.

And this is what I'm going to do in the next pages. So, without further ado let's move to the business!

CHAPTER ONE



The Title:

Harris Sultan's book is titled "The Curse of God – Why I left Islam". An interesting thing about the title is the word "Curse" which is religious in nature itself. Harris couldn't even find a nonreligious word for his book. This is how religion and God is imprinted in the lives of people so that even the ones who don't want to believe in it can't get themselves out of it even then, and rightly so. The word "curse" is explained in the following:

"A 'curse' may refer to such a wish or pronouncement made effective by a supernatural or spiritual power, such as a god or gods, a spirit, or a natural force, or else as a kind of spell by magic or witchcraft; in the latter sense, a curse can also be called a hex or a jinx. In many belief systems, the curse itself (or accompanying ritual) is considered to have some causative force in the result. To reverse or eliminate a curse is sometimes called "removal" or 'breaking', as the spell has to be dispelled, and is often requiring elaborate rituals or prayers. (1)

So, the main word in the book used as a title is taken from religious sources itself. What it means is the author who is trying to get rid of a thing from his life only managed to put it on the title of his book. Yes, a contradiction. And again, Harris also mentions on the title that "why he left Islam". Well to leave something you first have to believe in it!

Another interesting thing is in the subtitle (Or a phrase whatever you may call it) which is a comment by Yasmine Mohammed

who says “This book is for everyone who ever asked unanswerable questions like ‘Who created God?’”.

First of all, why do you want to ask this question? As if the answer is given you’ll start to believe in God! Secondly, if someone admits herself that the question is “unanswerable” which means it can’t be answered, not that its “unanswered”, so to ask such a question can only be deemed as mischievous and nothing else. On the other hand, if you really want an answer so here it is:

Question: Who created God?

Answer: God is Uncreated.

All done?

So, if the purpose was to get an answer then its already done. Just to explain a little more, not for Yasmine or Harris because they’re already done, they wanted an answer and they got it, but for my readers I’ll elaborate it a little further. As in Islam, Allah (God) is known with the most perfect attributive names some of which are given below:

“Al Malik” – The King

“Al Muhaimin” – The Guardian

“Al Azeez” – The Almighty

“Al Mutakabbir” – The Majestic

“Al Khaliq” – The Creator

“Al Bari” – The Originator

“Al Musawwir” – The Fashioner of Things

These are some of the attributes of God which quite implicitly tells that it is God Himself who is the Ultimate Creator, Originator, Guardian of everything and He Himself is

uncreated. How it works is like for example if there was a creator of God then of course he would be greater than God Himself because the creator is always bigger and higher than the created one. If God was also a creation, then the creator would be the real God not the created smaller being. Like if you created a mobile phone, then who is higher and bigger in stature? The mobile phone or you who created it? In other words, would it make sense that the higher creating being created a lesser being and made it the God when he is unknown and idle himself?

And also, coming towards analyzing the question itself now. So, if that's the methodology and it is the way it should go that if you don't know the answers of somethings then you start to say that the thing in discussion doesn't exist because you don't have the answers, then let me quote some examples and see who's falling in his own trap.

Till date, science doesn't have the answers to many things like:

What came before the big bang? Has the universe existed forever? Or was there something before it?

Why do we always move forwards in time?

Why does space have three dimension?

Can we get energy from nothing?

How long does a proton live?

Is the universe infinite or just very big?

And many more!

Right, if science doesn't have the answers to these questions so you start to say that science doesn't exist? Why haven't you ever written a book refuting science with the title "The Curse of Science – Why I left Science" and then decorated the title with these "unanswerable" questions? If this is the way to go then you

should do it. And if you won't do it which you surely wouldn't, then it's pretty clear that the question on the title is written with mal-intentions just to mislead people.

Can you know about Everything?

As I explained, the intelligent and sensible approach tells that there are some questions which shouldn't be asked at first. The concept about God tells it pretty evidently for those who believe in Him that He is the "Perfect God" with nothing above Him. Also, when He is above everything and by that it means you can't have answers to everything about Him unless He tells Himself. So, to put it simple, you can't have answers to everything about Him. If He wished that people should know everything about Him, He would have resided with them on the earth. But what if someone keep persisting to know everything? Let me quote an example.

Galaxy MACS0647-JD¹ is the farthest galaxy known till now. If I start to ask that I want to know what's beyond Galaxy MACS0647-JD only then would I believe in all other astronomical things and celestial objects, would that make any sense? Similarly, Pistol Star² is the largest know star (in terms of mass and brightness), what if I keep asking stubbornly that I want to know about a larger star than the Pistol Star right now and that too it should be at least 100 times bigger than it, meaning the answer should be according to my wishes as well, then what would you call me? Rational? Reasonable? Scientific? or a Jackass?

It clearly proves that there are many questions which shouldn't be asked because they're beyond the reach of human beings. If we don't acknowledge this reach and limits, then we need a

¹ <https://hubblesite.org/news/news-releases>

² starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov > StarChild > questions > question21

thorough medical check-up indeed. So, this is merely the case with the creation, what would be the case with the Creator than? If we can't know about how many grains of sand are there in the world, how many drops of water are there in the seas, how many asteroids are there in the space, we expect and hope to know everything about the Creator of all this? We got to be in our senses when we say "I want to know everything" (specially about God) otherwise I ask Harris to just tell me what's exactly inside a black hole. As simple as that!

Has Islam not answered the question on 'Creation' of God?

When you label a question to be unanswered, then it got to be unanswered otherwise your statement is incorrect. Here also, the statement is incorrect when they say its unanswered when Islam has categorically answered this question. How? Here it is:

Self-Existing and Uncreated:

In Islam, God Almighty is known by the attributive name "Al Qayyum" meaning "The Self Existing". The solution to these problems lies in the correct concept regarding God. Islam provides the attributes of God which solves all these questions. These attributes are an essential part of monotheistic belief of Islam called "Tawheed Asma wa Sifat" – The Monotheism in the Names and Attributes of God. When you'll know them, you'll understand the qualities of God and you'd never be able to come up with something more perfect than God Himself. And when you'll realize it you'll get the answer of who created God and certainly you'll understand God can't be created, He's got to be uncreated and self-existing. And this is how Islam answers this question rationally. It is primarily in the ill concept regarding God which leads people like Harris to speak such things and to raise such questions which're already answered but

he doesn't know them courtesy his lack of knowledge. Whose fault is it if he doesn't know this? So, when the question is answered, you can't say it anymore that its unanswered. As for it being satisfactory or not, then don't tell me you believe in the universe to be uncreated and coming into being itself, and don't believe that God is uncreated! If the previous thing goes down your throat pretty easily, and the later one doesn't, then you need some help my friend!

Remarks by Yasmine Mohammed:

Right, so she admits Harris hasn't answered any questions, he only "allegedly" prove the existing answers to be incorrect. Again, Harris, 2018 years after Christ and some billions of years after the commencement of life on the earth, came up with a revelation, that all that people know and follow is a lie. What a great event it is! Indeed! it got to be one! Not only that, she says that what people followed was 'plague' and dangerous myths to think to have a friend in the skies. Wow! I'm amazed to know that billions of people were infected with plague and lived in dangerous times right from the beginning of life till date and nobody knew! We should give some kind of award to them indeed for their magnificent service to save us. You know we were drowning, all of us were almost dead, we didn't even smile once in our lives, we were losing our breaths, and thank God Yasmine and Harris came to save us! God I'm feeling so relieved!

The Foreword by Ali A. Rizvi:

Again, getting straight to the business I'll mark Ali Rizvi's foreword to be an effort just to fill up the pages. Describing just one or two social things, Mr. Rizvi tries to justify Mr. Sultan's book and that too under the banner of freethinking. So, he has a complain that why there hadn't been much freethinkers among Muslims. Mr. Rizvi seems to have a problem that why does the Muslims respect their sacred book i.e. the Quran. He seems to

be in problem that why does Muslims get purified before reading it, as if they rent the water from him. Again, he goes on to complain why even they read the book, if you would read all the text which Mr. Rizvi wrote you'll realize that he has just done one thing, i.e. complaining, complaining and complaining. Why do they do this, why don't they do that, why does this happen, why this doesn't happen. Why everything is not in accordance with my wishes, why the world is not living their lives according to my wishes, why does the Muslims are the people who are the most respectful with their religion and sacred texts. Imagine someone who's looking for some respect for himself in the world for his lame wishes, asks the Muslims to not respect their most respectable thing. Have you ever heard a person having problem by someone respecting a thing and then he asks and encourage to disrespect it, Muslims are even directed to not disrespect the false deities when Allah says in the Quran "And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah lest they insult Allah in enmity without knowledge"³.

These are the same people who wants us to respect queer identity, when it's a scientifically proven disorder⁴ and don't want to respect our religion because they don't like it. And that exactly is the situation in the Muslim world as well. Ali Rizvi might not know that the history of religious discourse and criticism on Islam which is not new and its history goes back to the 10th century C.E at least where the orientalist started to write against Islam and the Muslim scholars replied that criticism, all of that is well preserved in the historical documents till date. But why didn't Muslims ended up killing all those orientalist? If what you're saying is right, and Muslims are really like that, then Muslims were in their most powerful times those days, why didn't they waged war against orientalist? Can you

³ 6:108

⁴ <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/481699>

narrate a single incident like that? The Muslims only answered the allegations with their writings and the problem was solved, all was well and good. But what problem these people have nowadays? It's just that they want to make a noise!

Why does today the people like Mr. Rizvi complain with the attitude of Muslims? Well you write something and we'd reply with our writings, which I'm doing right now. But the thing I mentioned before, if you'd try to disrespect, that can't be allowed. It is pretty much clear that you only start to disrespect when you don't have the intellectual abilities to do something else. If you don't want to believe, no one will force you. The Quran says categorically "There's no compulsion in religion"⁵. But if you you'd try to disrespect, people, governments and their laws will stop you. You never complained with the laws in some US states which allows you to smoke weed, a thing which absolutely destroys health, but you have problem with laws which asks you to speak good or just shut up. If you don't get this situation in your mind and get a life my friend.

Lastly, Mr. Rizvi praises Harris's work in the book and calls him intelligent. Well, we'll see in the upcoming pages how intelligent he is and also that he finishes his foreword with a perception that maybe religion is unreasonable, unscientific or irrational. How vague this argument is would be discussed in the upcoming pages too in sha Allah.

Analysis of the Introduction:

Harris says "I am *not* anti-religion; I am anti-misogyny, anti-slavery, anti-sexism, anti-violence, anti-ignorance, anti-child abuse, anti-oppression, and anti-war.

Religion is anti-me."

⁵ 2:256

If Harris really means what he has written, then he should have been a Muslim, because these are all the qualities of Islam. If he's not a Muslim, then there can only be two things, either he is extremely ignorant of Islam or he's lying!

Furthermore, Harris shows his fear while writing the book and at the same time he shows that he's brave enough to write it. Quite frankly, he tried to show that Muslims are extremists and would kill him if he writes a book against them. But what happened? Two years have passed and no Muslim even pricked a needle to him let alone killing him. So, again the name calling agenda has failed. But it doesn't stop here. Harris used the word curse of "God" on his title and says in the introduction that he wants to condemn Allah because he's familiar with this religion. As a matter of the fact he seems to be the least familiar with this religion, ignorant and just aware of the misconceptions spread against it. And yes, the effect of the name of Allah didn't allow him to write His name on the title.

Harris's Story:

Harris tells a story which seems highly doubtful and unreal. He says that he was doubting the religion since the age of 9-10. I personally have a high Mensa tested IQ and I can tell a kid at this age doesn't even know about these things, even if he knows he doesn't pay heed to it. He says that it was Richard Dawkins who had a great influence on him for his atheistic beliefs. I have already written the Analysis of Richard Dawkins book by the name "Philosophical and Scientific Analysis of Richard Dawkins' God Delusion".

Moreover, Harris has certainly made my work easy by accepting the scientific methodology as his go to thing in religion as well and of course to accept the existence of God. I'm not aware with the age of Harris but he seems like my age fellow, I'm 29 and where we were born and lived the beginning of our lives is Lahore,

Pakistan. I can tell that pretty surely that the things Harris says are just google materials he doesn't have any research on them because the time he describes 9-10 or even 14-15 years of age, that time didn't have any such issues in our society. I've been raised in a posh environment so I can tell with certainty that those days, there was no easy access to internet neither to the international books, and also to such things the parents and teachers would use the "Danda" (Stick) to fix the issue, so this story seems highly unlikely. Harris have surely taken this all from "google baba" and now fabricated stories with it. One big evidence of it is that he doesn't know Arabic, surely hasn't read the whole Quran with its meanings, hence doesn't understand it, but still takes out errors from it. What it can be other than "google baba"! The young Harris Sultan wouldn't even know the A,B,C of the Quran and Hadith, how can he reject them without knowing them! Again, either he was highly ignorant or he's lying.

Does Science have the Answers to Everything?

As I quoted many things previously which science can't answer. Again, if Harris knows them and still calling science infallible then there's a great problem in his thought process. Every year, numerous research papers are retrieved, called the retrieved papers. Imagine, Harris believed in a paper religiously as he does believe, and it got retrieved with errors. Where would he stand then? This proves that science have no grounds to stand. Yes, there are some theories, but a theory is but a "theory" and nothing more. So, in that situation, can science be used to confirm God? The answer is a simple no. It can only be used to trace the signs of God which, He asks to look for as well in the Quran (41:53). But as for the discipline of science singled out to know about Him is as vague as any other thing in the world. Imagine again, asking a carpenter to build an airplane! And asking a scientist to confirm about theology, God and His messengers! Both are different disciplines and asking to mix

them up would be purely nonsense. Also, he has made an absolutely false claim saying that science have the answers of how world and life came into being but religion doesn't, which itself is a lie. Neither science have the answers to all these nor religion is silent on that as it provides all the answers regarding creation. But more interestingly Harris again makes a comment which I'm describing in the following.

Harsu Syndrome:

I'm introducing a new terminology named as the "Harsu Syndrome". Harsu is an Urdu word meaning every now and then, but also these are initials of the Harris Sultan's name Har-Su, so this makes up into a meaningful word the Harsu Syndrome. But what does it mean and why I had to make this terminology? Well, there's a dilemma in Mr. Sultan's mind which compels him every now and then to say who created God. It's like if you ask him did you have your lunch he'd reply who created God, did you have your dinner, reply: who created God, what's the day today, reply: who created God. So, The Harsu Syndrome is simply defined as:

"A state of mind which compels a person to repeatedly ask the question of who created God even when there's no need, place for the question or requirement of it." Hence, this has certainly been converted into an established syndrome which needs treatment and recognition. Harris was mentioning in the introduction regarding science and its implications on how it provides some answers, and he suddenly jumped to religion by saying who created God. It's as if you want to go to Australia but board the flight to Nigeria.

Harsu Treatment:

As I mentioned before the attributes of God Almighty, one of those is "Al Kabeer" meaning The Greatest. When God Himself

is the Greatest then He can't have a creator which of course would be greater than Him. Alright, so there's a spoiler, if you ask the question who created God, then firstly you're agreeing to His existence by saying Him the God and then moving to the next Harsu question. If you believe that science have all the answers, then why can't science tell who created God? Or firstly why science can't even tell if God exists or not? Who made this a criterion that everything that exists have to be confirmed through science or by some scientist? If that's the case then can you say there's no bigger star than the UY Scuti because science hasn't confirmed, well there might exist way bigger star than it but it's the science which doesn't know it, does that makes the star non-existent?

Common sense and reasonable approach would certainly tell you if there's a God then He's got to be greater than His creation. If He made this universe and sent down human beings in there as a test, then this got to be the case that no type of knowledge, be it scientific, philosophical or any other (other than revelation of course) would ever be able to affirm His existence with certainty otherwise the test would be over. And as the universe exist, we exist and God also exist, so the test is surely there hence asking the question who created God is nonsense itself and to know everything about God is beyond human reach.

A Blatant comment on Muslims being ISIS or Taliban:

Harris says "True Islam is actually the Islam of Taliban and ISIS". Firstly, he judges Islam with his fallible knowledge about it, and also gives this comment without a proof or reference. It is like if I say Harris Sultan is a rapist, a murderer and a drunkard and that too without a proof or reference then that would a

vague comment. Similarly, to say true Islam is the Islam of a specific group of people is only name calling and nothing else.

Secondly, Donald Trump, the former US president calls Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton as the founders of ISIS⁶. So, a cult founded politically by the enemies of a religion for a specific political purpose is meant for politics only, it proves that has nothing to do with religion. And Lastly, the Taliban, the word Taliban simply means a student. If Harris also considers himself a student, then he can also be called a Taliban as well. As for the giving a perception that all Muslims are extremists, then there are 1.6 billion in the world, if they all were extremist then this world would have been in deep waters by now. And also, Harris's existence also prove that Muslims are not extremists because he's alive and healthy and no one even harmed his finger.

This “Churan” – Medicine is Unsaleable Now:

The problem starts when someone starts to paint all the people with the same brush. Only a hundred thousand people out of 1.6 billion means the problem is in the person who calls 1.6 billion extremists for the deeds of its 0.001%. The reasonable approach should be to call those some thousand people by the whole number of people in the world and that's what the right interpretation of Islam is. The word Islam itself means “Peace” and the extremist narrative has been refuted by all the Muslim states in the world and all the major Islamic scholars of the world. When someone intentionally ignores and deny all that and still tries to give a bad name to the Muslims then he's trying to sell the same churan which has been tried for since quite a long time now by some political powers to manhandle Islam but

⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-trump-idUSKCN10M146>

they've failed miserably and will keep on failing. I hope Harris will come up with something new next time around.

Lastly Harris says his audience is the Muslim women who have been abused by "Islam". I categorically comment that there's not a single incident that Harris can mention (And he didn't mention any either) which can confirm that 'Islam' abused women, but yes, there can be cases where Muslims abused women so the thing to do is to make them implement Islam in their lives correctly because people aren't perfect, Islam is. Islam is the only solution for the problems of women in the world and what I say, I'll prove it later in the book in sha Allah.

Why Harris Sultan wrote the Book?

Apparently, Harris gave some figures which made him write the book. What quite astonishing is the number of 1.6 billion Muslims in the world didn't make him think or stop him leaving the religion but the number of some million (allegedly) made him write the book! This just tells you the numbers wasn't the reason to copy-paste the book, it was his mentality.

Why did Harris Sultan leave Islam?

Lack of knowledge about the religion. Simple answer to a simple question. Harris left the religion because he didn't know about the religion and I will prove in the book that he certainly doesn't know anything about the religion. And by the way he committed that himself too. Secondly, Harris again came up with the Harsu Syndrome which he seems to be suffering from since childhood, but basically I disagree to it. Harris describes he was constantly asking question but didn't get the answers. I do agree that a child do ask many questions but the thing I disagree to is he doesn't have reasoning ability at that age to understand the answers, comprehend or accept or reject at that age. Here Harris is just proving his flawed approach that he left the religion that the kid

Harris didn't understand somethings. Why the 9 year olds are taught simple words only and not scientific theories in detail? But Harris wanted to know everything about the creator of everything when he could merely understand ABC!

Harris also admits that he didn't know Islam much and wasn't practicing much as well as he'd only pray Friday prayers. Also, he only knew to read Arabic and naturally didn't understand the Quran and its 6000+ verses and of course 25k+ authentic Hadiths. Imagine he's saying he didn't get the answers when he didn't read them at first! If that's his methodology, then God bless the science which Harris allegedly understands!

Harris mentions three questions which made him leave Islam and he says he couldn't get answers to those. We'll see if it's really true.

1. Is there any evidence in favour of this God? – **Of course yes, all of His creation bear witness to it!**
2. Is the morality depicted in this religion good? – **If something's named as 'morality' it got to be good whether you agree or disagree to it.**
3. Is the science in this religion correct? – **I don't know about his education, but he has made many scientific blunders in the book ahead which I'll discuss later.**

Analyzing the thoughts of the Author:

As I said earlier, knowledge can do wonders but at the same time lack of knowledge can do blunders.

The author says that why God is obsessed with what His 'tiny' creature humans do in their private lives. Firstly, before God, nothing is private. He's watchful and well aware of everything. He's "Al Baseer" the All Watchful which means nothing can be hidden from Him hence nothing can stay private for anyone.

Secondly, the humans are the best of the creation of God as He calls them “Ashraf ul Makhlooqat” the best of the creations allover including billions of galaxies. God gave human beings the greatest knowledge even more than the angels (chapter 2 of the Quran). There’s no more intelligent creature than the human beings in the whole universe. So, with greater powers comes greater responsibility. Humans can’t run away with the fact that they’ve been given the knowledge and now they have to payback for it to God. God doesn’t force anything to anyone, He has given free will to people but has just given the guidelines to reach paradise. This answers the question and the claim of the author that he keeps on getting angry at people but on the contrary He is known as “As Saboor” the Most Patient. Even if someone doesn’t believe in Him, He doesn’t destroy him at once, He keep giving him the food to eat, the air to breathe and the cloth to wear like the author himself. Now imagine for a second that someone gives you to eat, drink and wear but you deny his favours and say I’ve don’t even know him, what would be the reaction of that person? He’ll stop giving all the things because you don’t acknowledge him, but as for God, He’s all patient and don’t take away anything. What more do you want? And for the question, why does He want us to worship Him? Well, it’s in the purpose of human’s creation. God hasn’t laid down any responsibility on other creations of His because He hasn’t blessed them with the intelligence He blessed human beings with. Only humans have the ability to take and understand the instructions of God. He’s not asking the animals to do so but the intelligent human beings whom He gave knowledge and mentioned it to be the purpose of their creation. And also, it is His creation, He’s the owner, He knows it better what to do what not to do with it, what to order what not to order. Everything belongs to Him, so who are you and me to argue on it? (I’m leaving the homosexuality and free-sex point for next) The whole vast universe of God is the evidence of His

existence. God wouldn't do things of your desires but of what He wills. He made this world with a purpose and He'd not let that purpose go no matter all the people believes in Him or disbelieves in Him, he doesn't change circumstances. So, I again repeat this life is a test. Continuing on Harris makes a historic error saying why didn't God sent His messengers all over the world and why they're majority middle eastern and why not Australia or America. Firstly, there was no population at the Americas before the 15th century and in Australia before the 17th century. So, where did God have send the messengers if there are no human beings there? To trees? Secondly, God sent His messengers at human population as it's said in the Quran 35:24 and 16:36 that God sent His messengers to every people at the face of the earth. That is why we still find the prophesies about prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in other religious books of non-Arab people like the Vedas etc. So, this excuse won't work now specially when all the world is covered like a global village.

The previous scriptures were contaminated and yes God knew this. He sent down His messengers to a people and the people failed the job to preserve the teachings. That's why there was a need to send the last and final messenger whose Ummah (adherents) succeeded in preserving the message. If the previous messages were also preserved, then there wouldn't have been any need to send new messenger to fix the problem. And yes, all the scriptures weren't changed but some parts of them as many scholars from those religions also believes. God asks us to confirm the common points 3:64 to confirm the authentic remains. But more importantly, what's the point here? Why is it even important for Harris? What difference does it make for him? Apart from just filling the pages with a vague point.

Also, I'd love to see what Harris points out as an "error" in the Quran in the upcoming chapters as he claims.

The point in Praying:

Harris speaks out why people are happy even if they're praying to the wrong God? I've answered it previously that nowhere do God says that He'll finish up the people from the face of the earth who doesn't pray to Him. He has given them the free will and they can do what they want, He's the most patient and He'll wait. There's always a chance of a repentance of a person. It is only God who knows what's going to happen in the future. Maybe God also makes Harris repent and he becomes a Muslim again. As for what you ask for you must get it, we're human beings not God that whatever we like we can have it. Maybe we're asking for a thing which's not good for us. If we ask for money, who knows we become a tyrant after getting it, only God knows it and He gives according to His wisdom. And what about the things He has given you even without asking, your life, your breaths, your food in the womb of your mother and in the cradle, the clothes you wear, the hands with which you hold, the feet which makes you walk! We use all His blessings day and night and still deny them and say He doesn't give? I'm sorry Mr. Sultan you're wrong.

We as human beings should have to acknowledge the blessings of God Almighty. If we deny them we're doing nothing but closing our eyes to the apparent sun in the sky and say it doesn't exist. Just that you want to do whatever you want like the animals, in quest for your desires you can't deny the ultimate reality.

My name is Omer Farooq Saeed, and I believe in God!

CHAPTER TWO



The Art of Believing:

“A man asked the Prophet ﷺ, “What sort of deeds or qualities of Islam are good?” The Prophet ﷺ replied, “To feed the poor and greet those whom you know and those whom you do not know.”⁷

Belief in God makes you a better person. The moment you start believing in God your attitude towards your fellow creations start to change. You start valuing people more, your care for people around you increases, your spirit to serve people in enlightened. You get more dutiful to your parents, you become more charitable, your evilness lessens, and all of a sudden you're a better person than before. Your overall perception to see at things changes and you stop taking things for granted. This is what belief in God does to you!

Does Religion Stops you from Seeking Knowledge?

*“Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “**Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim.**”⁸*

Harris's case is taken down from this single hadith. But I will explain it further as well. There's not a single statement in the whole Quran and Hadiths which stops you from seeking knowledge. In fact, Allah makes it binding and obligatory upon

⁷ Sahih al-Bukhari, Book 2, Hadith 5.

⁸ Sunan Ibn Mājah 224 - Sahih

every Muslim to seek knowledge. Currently, there are hundreds and thousands of Muslim graduates in the world, thousands of Masters and PhD's. I'm one example myself that I took my medical education and have also done my MPhil in Islamic Studies and pursuing PhD. I treat people with physical and spiritual needs. Islam hasn't stopped me or other hundred and thousands of Muslims from seeking knowledge. Nowhere does the Quran say that read me to treat the heart disease, it encourages you to learn. That's the reason why there've been numerous scientists in the Muslim history. If some people have said otherwise to Harris, then he utterly needs to change his company.

Confessions of Harris Sultan:

The interesting point in the book occurs when Harris, after giving the flat/globular earth hypothesis makes some confessions of the imperfection of science to provide answers to many questions yet makes the same science the criteria to judge and know about the existence of God.

Firstly, Harris admits that science can't tell us what happened before the big bang and it creates many problems as well. On the other hand, religion tells us that. Here, we understand that science can't even tell us what happened before the big bang so surely it can't lead us to God or tell us exactly about God, hence again, this surely can't be the criteria to find out God. If it is the case and Harris admits that as well then why does he boast about science at first? When it is understood that science only tells about physical properties of an object but can't tell the supernatural processes, so believe in the limitations of science and don't take it beyond its limits.

And secondly, Harris also admits that he can't deny the existence of God but he only denies the Gods presented by religions. Let's examine this claim philosophically first. There have been billions

of people in the world right from the start of the human race. Many dull minded yet many intelligent individuals as well. Out of the most intelligent we find the majority to be followers of specific religions. Most of the prominent personalities of the history and present were and are the followers of theistic religions specially the Semitic religions i.e. Islam, Christianity and Judaism. What Harris claims by saying that he rejects all the religious Gods is that he's the most intelligent person presently in the world and out of the past as well yet he hasn't achieved anything in the world till now. So, all those believers are fools and Harris the Sultan the one and only intelligent born after millions of years!

An Ill Mind Must get Changed:

Harris says that we claim that science is a variable, ever changing phenomenon, so why do you use this to analyze God and scriptures. He replies, it is good that it changes so we get better, a change for the good must be appreciated and rightly so. We reply in a very simple manner, when science is a variable and Harris admits it too, then what you believe in today can change tomorrow. So, how in world can you still make science as the criteria to judge? Again, he says when science changes its mistakes gets rectified, and religion doesn't change so its mistakes can't be rectified. Again a simple reply, an ever changing phenomenon can't ever say that there's a mistake in the scripture, it needs a constant law to say it, a theory can't judge scientifically as well. Similarly, the currently available knowledge can't deny or point out any mistake in the Quran, whereas it confirms many scientific points in the book.

On the other hand, Harris claims that there's a genetic evidence for evolution and also the fossil record confirms it. Firstly, I don't know his medical education but he's made a dishonest statement either intentionally or unintentionally but it is surely misleading

and dishonest. A 5th grader would also know that evolution is but mutation and it is in the genes no doubt, so this is called biological evolution. But there's absolutely no evidence for the change in kind from the genes which is the Darwinian evolution. As for the fossil record, it's highly doubtful as well as the Scientific American Sept. 2009 special issue Page 15, also says that the fossil record is highly controversial and it should be made public to let them research on it. Similarly, my previous book, philosophical and scientific analysis of Richard Dawkins' God Delusion also tells on Page 60-62 the other side of the picture which proves there's no evidence for change of kind in the fossil record. So, banking all your trust on it won't pay off my friend.

Difference Between Ijtihad and Reinterpretation:

Firstly, Harris claims that religion is conservative and it doesn't allow you to progress. That's why I said an ill mind must be changed. He's completely unaware of the principle of Ijtihad in Islam, which means to strive and find out the solution of problems yourself, which is the progressive phenomenon right from the beginning. Islam is the religion completely in accordance with human nature, it gives us the liberty to do Ijtihad and solve our daily life problems. So, by no means Islam is a conservative religion.

On the other hand, Harris comments that many things in Islam are reinterpreted, here again he shows his ignorance in the religion. As I mentioned about Ijtihad, there are some more principles in the religion of Islam like Usool al Hadith – The science to know about the authenticity of a Hadith. Another principle is called the Usool e Tafsir, - The principle to interpret the Quranic verses. They can only be interpreted through the Quran itself or through the authentic Hadiths.

So, there's a huge possibility that a scholar who described a meaning of the verse might be unaware of the authenticity of a

hadith and someone coming afterwards found it to be inauthentic and described a different meaning to the verse or hadith. So, this is called progressive knowledge not reinterpretation. And the person following it is realistic not apologetic.

Lastly, Muslims are directed to follow only the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad PBUH and no one other, hence He's called the best of the examples for mankind⁹ So, the actions of anyone else carries no weight in Islam. Specially, when someone contradicts him PBUH. Hence, no interpretation of the Quran is valid unless it be proved with the Sunnah of the Prophet PBUH.

But another point which Harris tries to bring is beating of women, and firstly admits that Prophet Muhammad PBUH never hit a woman, but says in brackets might have hit Ayesha r.a. But this same Ayesha r.a said in an authentic hadith that "The Prophet PBUH never hit a woman"¹⁰

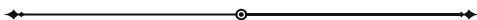
Hence either he's unaware of it or he did it intentionally. As the Prophet PBUH is the example for the Muslims to follow, so no man should ever beat a woman. No unreligious document binds you to abstain from violence against woman other than Islam the true religion of God.

So, I sum it up by saying, the ignorance regarding the religion of Islam must be changed or the ill minds who have it courtesy hatred towards the religion!

⁹ Al Quran, 33:21

¹⁰ Sahih Muslim - 2328

CHAPTER THREE



Utmost Necessity of Religion:

“Whosoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him one of the grievances of the Day of Judgment. Whosoever alleviates the needs a needy person, Allah will alleviate his needs in this world and the next. Whosoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and the next.”

Prophet Muhammad PBUH (Sahih Muslim)

The religion of Islam and its beliefs are the solution for the all the problems of humanity. You name any problem, be it be of any kind or type, and Islam provides you the solution for it. But what does atheism bring you? More and more problems and destruction of the system of the world. Atheism and atheists believe they should be allowed to do whatever they want, no matter what are the results but they should satisfy their desires. Saying it in other words mean that there shouldn't be a discipline in the world and all should be like the animal world and law of jungle must be imposed. Harris Sultan has similarly talked about a law of jungle and highest immoral act to be okay as he goes on to promote the filth of incest.

Harris Sultan Promoting and Advocating for Incest:

In plain words, Harris says there's nothing wrong in having sex with your sister or mother. Just that you shouldn't get offspring out of them otherwise it's alright and nothing wrong in it

morally. I will analyze his arguments too but let me get that straight again, Harris says incest is not to be done because it'll hurt the human race, otherwise with the current availability of condoms and other precautionary measures, you can very well have sex with your mother or sister.

Harris again banks all his trust in theories:

For Harris, his go to thing is a theory, or some theories. There are many in the world. Some logical, and some highly illogical. If we make a theory our criteria to believe in things, then to believe in religion and religious beliefs should also be accepted as a theory, there's no reason to reject them. But if that's not the criteria, then why do Harris Sultan uses it. Not only does he use some theories as his salvation but also criticize the other believes because they don't believe in the theory in which he believes. Same goes with the theory of evolution. The theory itself is highly controversial. And to bank all your trust in mere theory is nowhere a sign of intelligence. I've already talked about how controversial the fossil records are too, but even then Harris keep mentioning a theory which is far from proved at the moment and calls the theists as blind believers, who's turning out to be blind here? Theists have their proofs but what does Harris provides us, just a name of a theory again and again!

Theory of Evolution and Unscientific claims of Harris Sultan:

Science, straight from dictionary.com, is the "systematic knowledge of the physical or material world gained through observation and experimentation," but that's not what evolution is all about.

You cannot observe or experiment with evolution. It's simply not possible because it's based on the idea of something coming from nothing (i.e. the Big Bang, evolution of life), which is both

illogical and unscientific. It also contradicts common sense, which tells us that a creator must be involved in the process of creation.

Evolution also deals heavily in chance. According to the theory, chance brought about the Big Bang, emitted galaxies from the “bang,” begun to form suns, planets and moons, brought about animals and humans and made us into what we are today. This is very unscientific because it doesn’t deal in fact. Rather, it deals purely in hypotheses and guesswork because no one can prove all of that actually happened.

Teaching evolution as a theory is permissible, to an extent, but teaching it as a fact is wrong. Such teaching does not encourage the advancement of science, nor does it teach the younger generation to think critically or skeptically. Instead, it encourages them to believe without question, and that is a problem.

Gravity and the laws of physics can be taught because they are scientifically-proven facts, and that can be tested and proven by students and teachers alike. Evolution, however, can neither be tested or proven. Because of this, we cannot and should not accept it as fact and, instead, should be skeptical of it, just as we should be skeptical of what our government tells us (imagine the traps we’d fall into if we weren’t skeptical of our government). Hence the whole thought process and methodology of Harris Sultan is unscientific.

Harris’s only proof is his Guesswork:

Harris claims that the early human beings didn’t commit incest because they would’ve realized inbreeding were causing problems. Firstly, he claimed they did commit incest and that’s without a proof. Secondly, he claimed they stopped committing incest because of inbreeding problems, again it’s a wild guess

with no proof. This exactly is the way Harris is living his life. Guesswork after guesswork, no proof but still acts satisfied. This is some level of insensitiveness! Also, if health is the only reason to leave incest, then why does Harris consume alcohol which is highly injurious to health? If incest can be stopped just because of health concerns, then why can't alcohol consumption be forbidden given its negative effects on health?

Its only now that we came to know about the genetic problems inbreeding causes, in fact inbreeding is not the right word, it is incest. But the religious morals save the sanctity of the womenfolk of the home and provides them a secure environment therein. Otherwise with the mentality of people like Harris, women are only seen as sex objects be it your mother or sister!

Lies of Harris Sultan:

Well they're many, but I'll mention a couple here with the claim he made Bill Gates and Warren Buffet to be atheists. These claims are highly misleading and a blatant lie.

Giving an interview to the Rolling stone magazine¹¹ Bill Gates said "I think it makes sense to believe in God. The moral systems of religion, I think, are superimportant. We've raised our kids in a religious way; they've gone to the Catholic church".

Moreover, Warren Buffet described himself as agnostic¹² (and not atheist!)

Harris should be ashamed at himself for his lies!

¹¹ <https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-news/bill-gates-the-rolling-stone-interview-111915/>

¹² Wayback Machine article *Faces of the New Atheism: The Scribe* published November 2006. Retrieved November 10, 2009.

Religious Comfort and nonreligious Discomfort:

Harris admits himself that people feel comfort by believing in a watchful God. The question is then why does he wants to take that comfort away from people? He mentions again and again about the imaginary friend (God), what if He's true and you stayed friendless because of your stubbornness? Harris quotes many incidents from his personal life and encounters with his friends, well if that's the case let me quote my personal life incident too which changed the lives of many individuals. I know many individuals personally who were nowhere in their lives and were completely lost, they even had given up all the hopes in life. But as soon as they befriended Allah the Almighty, their days changed and they gained their hopes back and their lives came back on track. To give some famous examples, Muhammad Ali, the famous boxer, as soon as he embraced Islam he went to the top of the world. Muhammad Yousuf, the Pakistani Cricketer, as soon as he embraced Islam he made world records in batting by scoring 1788 runs in a single year and scoring 9 centuries. These are only some examples I gave out of hundreds and thousands.

But what does atheism provide to individuals? Just the liberty to get their desires and be like animals in their personal lives. To consume alcohol which takes the lives to hundreds and thousands of people each years, damaging their health badly and making them commit crimes. Also the free sex environment is what they want? Which causes HIV AIDS to thousands of people every year, takes their lives away, causes numerous sexually transmitted diseases which makes people impotent and even causes death. Depriving women of their rights and treating them as mere sex objects.

This is what atheism offers and this is what Harris wants!

A Sympathetic Statement:

Here I'd also like to mention a very heart touching statement Harris made. He said his US visa was rejected because he was a Pakistani. Well I'd like to mention, half of my extended family lives in the US and their visas were never rejected (they went after 2001). If Harris was such a broke when he applied for visa it's also the fault of religion? If you have a reasonable bank statement your American visa is rarely rejected. I can just give Harris my sympathies on his humble background can't say anything more now because I'm really emotional while writing this and thinking of the tough financial conditions Harris went through. Of course he went to Australia afterwards and adopted a shortcut to make money.

Homosexuality and 'Born Gay' Statement:

The one and only basic argument given in support of homosexuality is that the person is born like that it's in his genes to be like that. To debunk this, I present a research and a research paper which proves that homosexuality is not in the genes at all and this is something which a person takes from the environment around him.

Dr. Neil Whitehead, PhD scholar from New Zealand performed an experiment on eight identical twins. The purpose to choose only the identical twins was that the identical twins have absolutely the same genetic makeup, because of that the inclinations won't vary.

The result of the experiment proved that homosexuality is not on the genes as only 12% inclination was reported out of the 100% of the 8 pairs and 16 people of the same genetic makeup, refuting the claim that queer identity is in the genes and the person is born like that. After that, Dr. Whitehead wrote a research paper on it¹³. The paper provides an account on how the

¹³ <https://restoringsexualpurity.org/2014/05/01/identical-twin-studies-prove-homosexuality-is-not-genetic/?fbclid=IwAR0F->

environment effects the persons inclinations and he takes and learn it all from the society around him.

So, this is NOT the way a person is born. The worst thing about the community is despite of fixing their issue they're trying to normalize their abnormality.

Despite that they condemn their unethical behaviors, they give them a pat on the back to carry on with it.

Despite fixing this problem in the society they're all trying to make this filth a part of the society!

This is unacceptable! Absolutely unacceptable. Awareness should be created about how the bad companies in the society effects these taboo behaviors.

And most of all that the scientific research proves this is absolutely against the human nature let alone the Religion!

And it needs to be fixed.

Another question that why does it happens. So, homosexuality is a mental disorder and a psychological condition which needs treatment. Many latest researches proves that. The references to the research articles proving it and links to those researches are provided in the footnote.¹⁴

Sufferings caused of Free sex environment and Alcoholism:

I've mentioned already what are the effects of alcoholism and free sex on a person's health. It completely ruins his/her health. Alcoholism causes Cirrhosis of liver, liver cancer, heart diseases and other blood disorders as well. Free sex causes HIV AIDS and

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¹⁴ <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/article-abstract/205342>

STD's like gonorrhea. But what effects it causes on a man's behavior are grave to the society. Similarly, free sex causes the same effect and I'll mention those effects in both in the following.

Violence:

A meta-analysis on the relationship between chronic alcohol consumption and criminal or domestic violence has shown that individuals who become heavily intoxicated with alcohol at least once per year are involved in violence approximately twice as frequently as those whose alcohol consumption is low to moderate¹⁵.

This research proves the grave effects of alcohol consumption on a person's personal life and behavior. That's the reason why Islam forbids the consumption of alcohol.

Similarly, another research article proves approximately 1 in 5 female students (20.2% in 1997 and 18.0% in 1999) reported being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.¹⁶

This free sex environment causes much bad effects on women's health. Also, they're physically and mentally broken after being used as sex objects as there no rights for girlfriends, they just offer free sex and that's it. Most of the sexual violence is also reported in sexual relationships out of the wedlock. Plus, in case of pregnancy, the man is not responsible for taking care of the child, that's the reason why we see many single mothers in the western society.

These are the reasons why Islam prohibits sexual relation out of wedlock and alcoholism. In Islam, a married woman enjoys all

¹⁵[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3820993/#:~:text=A%20meta%20analysis%20on%20the,low%20to%20moderate%20\(e10\).](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3820993/#:~:text=A%20meta%20analysis%20on%20the,low%20to%20moderate%20(e10).)

¹⁶ <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/194061>

of her basic rights and obligation of taking all of her financial, bodily care is on her husband. On the other hand, a girlfriend is used for sex and thrown away.

Which is the solution for women, Islam or atheism?

Music and Islam:

Again, Harris misinterprets Islam, either because of his ignorance or intentionally. Firstly, the prohibition of music is not an agreed upon point in Islam, there's a difference of opinion on it as Imam Shawkani wrote a book "Ibtal Dawah Al Ijmah Ala Tehreem Mutliq As Samah" that the refutation of the notion that music is prohibited with an agreement among all the Muslims". Secondly, Harris says of you listen to a song then you'll end up in the hell. I want him to show such a statement that listening to music takes you to hell eternally. For the sake of argument, even if we do agree that music is prohibited in Islam then Allah the Almighty is all merciful, He may forgive it or a person repents himself, who is Harris Sultan to comment on all this when it's the matter between God and His creation!

Forgiveness of Sins and Allah the Almighty:

Harris says, in Islam, anyone who sins will burn in fire eternally. This again is ignorance with the Islamic faith. Allah says in the Quran: "Say: "O 'Ibadi (Oh people) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah, verily Allah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."¹⁷

Can it get more merciful than that? All God asks for is a sincere heart and He'll forgive without reckoning.

Then the question that why doesn't the evil people and tyrants are punished in the world. Does anywhere God said so that He'll

¹⁷ 39:53

do that in this world? If yes, then show me that statement. If no, and certainly no, then don't try to move everything with your wishes. This world is a place of test not a place of reward or punishment, all the reward and punishments will be served in the hereafter (99:7-8). So, some people fail here and some succeed, and ultimate justice will be done to everyone. And yes, to answer another doubt of Harris, justice will also be served for even the animals on the last day so much so that the hadith says:

“On that Day, all scores will be settled even Allah will let the hornless animal settle its score with the horned until, when there is nothing left to be settled”¹⁸

This is what's called the ultimate justice!

Some baseless statements made by Harris Sultan:

There are many, but before I move to the next topic, let me mention only three of those for the refreshment of readers.

Religion is not necessary for human civilization. (But how atheism destroys family system he doesn't care). Any that the baseless statement no.1. See my book Philosophical and Scientific Analysis of God Delusion for brief history of God and its effects on human civilization.

How allowance or disallowance of driving is related to suppressing women and not their safety, care and pampering them as a whole.

Why is it necessary to get rid of religion if it doesn't allow the disorder of homosexuality spread in the society?

Depression:

Firstly, Harris claims that depression has nothing to do with the absence of religion. For that he presents some statistics as well. To

¹⁸ As Saheeha:1966

be straight, the stats doesn't provide the information that people who committed suicide in respective countries were Muslims. There is non-Muslim population in those countries like Kazakhstan, Iran and Pakistan, so we can say that the non-Muslims living in those countries committed suicide not the Muslims. Similarly, the stat doesn't provides the information were those people, if for the sake of argument, we agree were Muslims, were practicing Muslims or not, and most probably they weren't. Secondly, this is but natural that you gain spirit by having the support of friends, you'll feel less sad and depressed if you're surrounded with your friends. So, imagine the feeling that you have a heavenly friend watching over and fully aware of your circumstances, your depression would naturally go. But for atheists, there's no support up there, no hope of care from the heavens, no sense of justice to the sufferings they have in the world, no making up for the lost things and people in the hereafter, and no ultimate friend to take you out of depression. Hence naturally, an atheist would get depressed at every stroke of calamity. Again, stats won't provide you with this information, you have to have the common sense to understand those.

The Story of Sheikh Ahmed Deedat and Islam:

Firstly, Harris talked about Nabeel Qureshi who wasn't ever a Muslim, so I won't waste my time on Harris's misquoting. But I will surely discuss the matter of Sheikh Ahmed Deedat. Harris said that he suffered from a disease because of which he was paralyzed and Christians would say it's punishment from God. Talking about the Christians, the norm among the Jews those days when Jesus PBUH was allegedly crucified was that they'd consider anyone dying on the cross as dying a wicked death. So, their own "God" died a wicked death according to them hence how could they talk about someone else.

But as for the Islamic stance, pains and sufferings that comes a Muslim's way raises his ranks in the hereafter, gives him rewards and makes up for the shortcomings in the world so that a person would have the best of the places in the hereafter. As the hadiths state:

"The Prophet ﷺ said, "No fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt, nor distress befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick he receives from a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his sins for that."¹⁹

"The Prophet ﷺ said, "The people who faced difficulties in the world, upon seeing the reward those people are getting in return of those, the people who stayed in peace in the world would wish that their skins were cut with scissors"²⁰

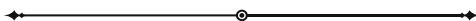
Hence, Alhamdulillah Sheikh Ahmed Deedat suffered in this world, he had locked in syndrome but he was still giving Dawah with his eyes, which means he was doing fine and happy and in sha Allah would get the rewards for it in abundance in the hereafter.

I will end this chapter by saying, if 50 million people says a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing, but when 1 person opposes 50 million with his foolishness, that's even a bigger foolishness!

¹⁹ Sahih Bukhari - 5642

²⁰ As Saheeha - 2206

CHAPTER FOUR



The Baggage of Atheism:

The question is, why don't we need a religion. What good would it bring by being an atheist. Most certainly there's no good apart from fulfilling your animalistic desires. Religion makes you a human. Atheism makes you an animal. Atheism is not new. It was even present at the time of Prophet Muhammad PBUH. In the following I present some of the places where God addresses the atheists of the time of the Prophet PBUH:

69:33 For he did not believe in God, the Great.

4:38 And those who spend their money to show off to the people, and they do not believe in God or the Last Day. And whoever has the devil as his associate, then what a miserable associate!

9:45 Those who ask leave are the ones who do not believe in God and the Last Day, and their hearts are in doubt. In their doubts they are wavering.

52:35 Or were they created from nothing? Or was it they who created?

These verses clearly prove there were people who identified themselves as atheists at the time of Prophet Muhammad PBUH and Allah addressed those people in the Quran. In fact, they've been there at the time of all the Prophets. But the question arises, why don't the atheists and atheistic movements never last for long? The answer, historically is very simple. It lies in the

baggage which atheism brings with it. God has always helped human beings in their tough times. There's a history fully rich with such instances. For example, Prophet David PBUH defeated Goliath and his huge army with a handful of people. Allah describes the incident in the Quran like that:

"Then when he had crossed it along with those who believed with him, they said, "There is no power for us today against Goliath and his soldiers." But those who were certain that they would meet Allah said, "How many a small company has overcome a large company by permission of Allah. And Allah is with the patient."²¹

Different narrations tell David's PBUH army was 313 in number and Goliath's men were in thousands. Still David PBUH and his tiny army defeated Goliath and his men, with what? With God's help. Similarly, at the time of Prophet Muhammad PBUH, when the Meccan's came to attack him with an army of over a thousand, the Muslims who were exactly 313 in number with no resources defeated the resourceful Meccan army with what? With God's help.

Now the next point, the Muslims conquered all of the Arabian mainland, Persia, Palestine, Babylonia, and Africa with limited to no resources, by always being small in numbers in front of the mighty Roman empires, Persian empires and the Abyssinian empires. What caused the Muslims to rise? It was the help of God, implementing the religion of Islam in their lives, acting upon Islam and most importantly the belief in Allah and His messenger. Now imagine the Arabs hadn't accepted God and His messenger, where would they've been? Nowhere, as they were before Prophet Muhammad PBUH.

²¹ Al Quran – 2:256

There's not merely one incident but they're in abundance where most unlikely to impossible scenarios materializing with God's help and guidance. Religion has always brought good to people and their lives. Whomever people believed in their Prophets and the commandments of God, they witnessed success and tranquility. And not to forget, whenever they left the teachings of their Prophet and God, they suffered and witnessed downfall. The human history is rich with such examples. But what atheism have brought to people throughout the history of mankind? As I mentioned they've always existed, be in small numbers but they did. So, what did they give the world? Why didn't they ever last in a society, why their movements never lasted and they were always wiped out from the face of the society? Why no society ever accepted them if they really made sense? Why atheism have never produced a state or a country? Why atheists have always been looked down by people?

In short, the answers are very simple. It's the baggage of atheism and what it brings. They take the hope out the lives of people, you'll always find an atheist unsatisfied with people and criticizing their lives and practices, you'll always find an atheist as a bad mouthed person. Atheists and atheism has always been frustrated as a whole and its safe enough to say that why haven't been able to form even a small little state is because God's plans and fate was in action and He didn't even allow them a recognition in the society let alone a state to the bunch of frustrated individuals.

What Islam brought to Humanity:

There will be a detailed chapter on this. But not to leave the reader guessing I will mention some of the qualities of Islam to bring an analogy with atheism.

Islam abruptly wiped out racism, gender discrimination, tribal wars, sexism, ill treatment to women, injustice, tyranny, severing

the ties of kinship, mass destruction of societies, economic hooliganism, national and tribal prides, greed, evil desires, miserliness etc. and most importantly the wrong concepts about God and its worship. And what it brought as a result of all that, peace, tranquility, justice, happiness, love for people, welfare of society, care for women, children, elderly and under privileged, respect for parents and human beings as a whole, a better place to live, ideal environment, perfect social systems and a prosperous society. The effects could even be measured from the conditions of non-Muslims under the Muslim rule who themselves, even being the opponents of Islam like the Jews of Spain called the Muslim rule as their “Diaspora, Golden Age”. Describing all that, it’d be even interesting to see the other way around as well.

What Atheism brought to Humanity:

Hopelessness, racism²², violence, destruction of family and social systems, greed, treating women as sex objects, injustice, wild behaviors, animalistic desires, disorder of homosexuality, incest, destroying peace of the society, hatred for people, destruction of health through alcoholism, senselessness, a spiritless life, disrespecting others day and night, making mockery of beliefs of others, living a heedless life, revolt against peaceful social norms, shamelessness and most importantly worship of whims and desires in turn Satanism. These are some of the things atheism briefly brought to humanity. What good did it ever bring? Even if you spend your full day searching on it you’ll not be able to find a single good which atheism brought our way. In fact, it took the peace away from the society under the banner of freethinking it brought only criticism of the lives of people.

²²<https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/06/16/blacks-are-even-discriminated-against-by-atheists/>

Under the slogan of why religion interferes in personal lives of people they interfered in each and every personal beliefs of people and their practices. Under the deceiving tagline of rationalism and scientism, they brought unproved scientific theories and forced people to believe in it otherwise they'd call them irrational and unscientific. Atheism just gave sick minds to the society and is always trying to implement the law of jungle in the society.

Some more Baseless Allegations and Incomplete sentences/stories of Harris Sultan:

Harris states that religious people provide the argument that God created the universe and we have to follow His rules as well. When I read it I thought there you go, Harris is going to cut himself with his own knife. But hey what happened afterwards? He completely left the talk and moved to his usual nonsense. Why he couldn't go with it, simply because he doesn't have the answer to it. The idea behind mentioning an eye catching sentence is to make your writing look attractive, the cleverness behind it is commendable, but the shame it brings by not being able to answer it is matchless. Alright, so if he can't answer it, I'll do this favor, mention not. (Smiles).

The Purpose of Creation and Life:

I have mentioned it briefly before as well. If Harris possess such a low intellect that he's not been able to understand the stance and dogma of religion, then it's nobody's fault but Harris's own. God made this universe and didn't leave us heedless. If He'd have left us directionless, even then people like Harris would've complained that why oh God you didn't send anyone to warn us or to lead us to the right path and the right way to live our lives and that would've been valid too. But to help out humanity its creator didn't leave it without instructions and He sent His

prophets with the words of the creator Himself, what could've been better than that? But no, again people like Harris came up with a bigger irony that why God even sent His messengers to make us live life in His obedience. I guarantee, they will never be satisfied no matter what God would've done, they'd always had complained and are complaining till date. But even a greater irony is if they receive a machine without instruction manual they'll complain the manufacturing company that we might ruin the product why didn't you send the instruction manual with it, but taking you to the heights of ironies, for doing the needful exactly the way it should've been done, they still complain to God that why did you send an instruction manual and an instructor to us, we want to ruin our lives ourselves!

Laws of countries and Discipline of Armies:

Again Harris mentions an eye catching sentence to make himself satisfied that I have mentioned one of the arguments of theists but then again he forgot to answer, give reference, proof or any support to his argument. He says that theists say if you can follow the laws of country then why can't you follow the laws of God? Well with the logic of atheists they must rebel to the laws of country because these laws force them to strictly adhere to them otherwise they'll be punished. I never saw Harris or any other atheists complaining to these laws where they should have according to their freethinking agenda. You'll never see Harris writing "Curse of Melbourne" or "Australian Delusion" because of their laws and strict implementation on them. You'll never see them complaining or writing him a book against the country laws, but when religion does the same they lose their minds and start cursing the religion. Harris says country gives us shelter, well religion gives you a bigger shelter as God have created heavens and the earth. So, who's laws are more deserving to be followed? But you'll see he won't disagree to the secular laws of a country but the moment a religious section comes in the same law, he'd lose his mind, you know what it is? Hatred!

And what about the religious states then? If Harris only wants to adhere to the laws of the country, then why does he condemn the laws of Pakistan which is an Islamic state, alongside many more. One of the basic doctrines of Islam is to build a welfare Islamic state, so if it happens and Harris have to reside in it would he accept Islam because the state is giving him shelter and welfare as a whole?

Then coming to the discipline part, Harris calls religion a name for imposing its laws. Basically, when God Have created the world then He's the best one to know how to run it. If Harris doesn't want to adhere to any discipline, rules and regulations then he should first declare all armies of the world as bunch of tyrants, curse filled people and worst human cults the earth has ever seen because all the armies of the world enforces their disciplines with power, punishments and sometimes with disgrace as well. So, I'd like to see Harris opening up against the armies and calling them a curse, in fact he should say armies and the countries running those armies doesn't exist (Lol) because the logic is the same in calling a name to religion for its disciplines but not saying a word to the forces, in fact, ironically you'll see him praising them for their disciplines be it good or bad, tough or easy, you'd never see him complaining. Harris only have problem with God and His religion, like if you want to be a good army officer, you have to strictly follow its disciplines, have to perform all its duties without complaining, but if the same goes with religion, if it asks you to follow its disciplines to become a good believer and good human being, you'll see Harris experiencing a heart ache at it!

Some more lies about Islam:

As I mentioned, Harris has lied on wholesale rate against Islam. I'd mention here some of his more lies which of course would be misleading to the reader of his book.

Islam is the religion of nature. It is a vast religion with numerous points dealing with every part of a human's life. Hence, Islam

has the solution for each and every problem which the humanity face. Its teachings are not rigid, it gives a breathing space to everyone and offers a way out for every situation. In the following I describe some of the things Islam doesn't denounce completely but only the harmful portions out of them.

Music: Harris again talks about music. Before answering it I'd like to bring the method for the argument. It is about if God exist and His religion of Islam is the true one which it is, then whatever He asks us to do as God should be followed, it's nothing but common sense. But if one keeps on to be stubborn and say, I want to disobey God intentionally, then we should bid a farewell to his common sense.

As for music in Islam, I'd mention a couple of incidents which'd make the Islamic stance clear on it:

The first incident occurred when a couple girls were singing in front of the Prophet PBUH and he didn't forbid them²³

Second incident is when the Prophet PBUH took Ayesha r.a to see singing men and she said "Till I got tired (by watching them sing) the Prophet PBUH asked me, "Are you satisfied (Is that sufficient for you)?" I replied in the affirmative and he told me to leave."²⁴

These hadiths clearly tell the flexibility of the stance regarding music in Islam. As for the hadith in Bukhari mentioning people will make musical instruments as lawful, it doesn't talk about music or singing as a whole but some of the musical instruments and it is mentioned in another hadith which occurs in Abu Dawud which tells about disliking of flute by the Prophet PBUH. The hadith is like that:

²³ Bukhari Volume 2, Book 15, Number 70

²⁴ Sahih Muslim Book 004, Number 1946

“Nafi' said: Ibn Umar heard a pipe, put his fingers in his ears and went away from the road. He said to me: Are you hearing anything? I said: No. He said: He then took his fingers out of his ears and said: I was with the Prophet ﷺ, and he heard like this and he did like this.” (Hadith 4924)

But it doesn't say anything about music as a whole neither the hadith of Bukhari talks about music but some of the musical instruments. Had it not only been the sound from flute, and music as a whole, Ibn Umar r.a would not only have closed his ears but also asked Nafi to stop listening to it. The narrative shows that Nafi r.a was continuously listening to this music. Had music been prohibited, then Ibn Umar r.a would have asked the person playing this flute to stop playing it. It is also possible that Ibn Umar r.a and the Prophet PBUH personally disliked listening to it and not something they wanted others to stay away from. Further, Ibn Umar r.a did not say that the Prophet PBUH commanded him to put his fingers in his ears. Rather he simply emulated an action that the Prophet PBUH did.

It's just Islam prohibits indecency which shouldn't happen. But the question arises again even for sake of argument we agree music is prohibited, then what problem Harris has with that? It's a discipline the religion and God knows better what's good or bad for us. Saying that why God created such things if we can't use them, is like saying why God created poison if we can't have it. Our knowledge is limited, God's knowledge isn't!

Pictures: Again, the religion of Islam is very categorical regarding the needs of people. If it's a need and there's no resort without it then even eating pork is allowed to save the life as it is in the Quran 2:173. Similarly, the making of pictures is a matter of detail. The background behind prohibition is by making of pictures it means the sculptures and idols which were

used for idol worshipping, so to stop this misuse of pictures they were prohibited. But those were the handmade pictures and the opinion of majority of scholars is that it doesn't apply on camera pictures. Moreover, even the pictures made of the natural scenery are absolutely allowed to make even if they're made with hand.

But again, why does it concerns Harris? With his limited to no knowledge about Islam why does he always have to talk about it even then? Would he die if doesn't make a picture? He'd certainly and perfectly survive without it. But what's the thing which is troubling him then? That one word again, Hatred!

Traveling of Women:

Again, Harris lied by saying that women are not allowed to travel without a male relative. Whereas the hadith says to travel for three days and three nights without a male relative, it doesn't say that women are not allowed to travel at all without a male relative. In fact, the hadith makes the intercity travels of women allowed because they're for short period of time. Secondly, this is recommended for the safety and ease of women so that they don't have to undergo the troubles of traveling. Moreover, it is about how peaceful is the place and the surroundings for a woman to travel alone, the hadith in Bukhari says "It has been narrated through 'Adiy Ibn Hatem r.a that the Prophet PBUH told him, "And if you live a long life, you will surely see women traveling from Hira till they cross/cover the Ka'ba, fearing no one except Allah" [Hadith narrated by al-Bukhari and others]. Imam Ahmed's report of the hadith includes: "By He in whose hands is my soul, verily Allah will bring this matter [Islam] into completion till women travel from Hira and cross/cover the Ka'ba without being accompanied by anyone."

Hence, this hadith clearly tells if the environment is safe as a whole, women can travel alone, Islam doesn't stop them to do

so but only makes sure of their safety so that if it's not safe then she shouldn't travel without a helper of her family to take her out of any trouble if she faces one. And the hadith says there will come a time when she will travel alone (meaning its absolutely allowed) without fear of anything because there will be peace all over the world with no one to harm around.

Will Harris Sultan decide which is the real Islam?

After misquoting all that, Harris again makes a blatant statement to call Taliban the real Muslims and everyone other as hypocrites. So firstly, who is Harris Sultan to tell us all that? Who is he to make such a statement? Now he will tell us what is Islam and what's not Islam! A person who doesn't even know about the religion as I showed in previous chapters! Secondly, as mentioned earlier Islam is only what the Prophet of Islam says, what everyone else says or does has absolutely no value in Islam. Even if I say something against my prophet that shouldn't be accepted at all.

Now take the example of Taliban and analyze their situation. They're majority illiterate, never saw school, college or university, naturally wouldn't have good IQ's so they're not the best people to tell you about Islam naturally. An overwhelming majority of scholars and also common people mark them as deviant people who do not represent Islam at all. So, to say that Taliban are the real Muslims and other people are hypocrites is itself a vague sentence. And also, to call it modernism to the people who oppose Taliban isn't correct as well. I presented some things above which the Taliban may not agree with, but I gave the references of those things from my Prophet PBUH who lived more than 14 centuries ago. So, how could a stance be called modernism when it was present 14 centuries ago? You can only call it so if I invent something new and say it is Islam, if

that's not the case then better use the thing over your neck to make at least some sense.

Another 'Normal' lie of Harris Sultan:

Harris said the woman who admits she was raped, or the man confesses it was consensual she would be stoned to death in Islam. I ask Harris to show me such a statement which says so or apologize to the Muslims for lying against them. Even if he has little bit of grace left he will apologize, but of course it's the matter of grace! Moreover, he said if sex is evil then why did God created it. Again I'd like him to show a statement saying sex is evil, it is just the illegitimate sex which is evil. Imagine Harris's mother having sex in private with her neighbor, in fact why in private as well, imagine her doing it in public or at least in front of Harris, cheating her husband. How'd Harris feel on it? May this way he'd realize what's wrong in it. The reason why he makes such statements is because he wants to catch the eye of western media which's always looking for such masala stuff. But he forgot there are always some spoilers, and I'm acting as one here by spoiling his party.

Harris's Phobia of the Shariah Law:

Some phobias are medically true. Some are treatable some non-treatable while some are self-made delusions. The fear with the Shariah laws falls under the latest category. Harris mentions if you're a true Muslim you got to implement the Shariah law and rightly so. He continues, imposing the Shariah law will be disastrous. Firstly, he doesn't give any arguments in support of his allegations. He acts like a judge which he always does and declare his verdict on Islam. Then his fear of the Shariah law may well be justified too because a person who doesn't want to discipline himself and likes to an animal all the time would surely hate humane laws and ways to bring discipline and order in the society.

Harris's criminal silence on insane Secular Laws:

The irony still is that he never calls the secular laws to be disastrous no matter how insane and inhumane they are. For example, 15 American states and capital of DC have legalized marijuana, the killer!²⁵ You can grow or consume weed without any fears in these states. Do I have to tell how destructive it is for human health? But did Harris ever mention this? No, he wouldn't and he never would because these are the secular manmade laws. Had that been mentioned in any religious law, Harris would've lost his mind and surely had vomited out his hatred on religion for that. What does it prove again? He's not worried about any human lives or humanity as a whole but he only wants to get rid of the disciplines religion want you to implement in your lives to be upright, pious, honest, graceful, caring, loving etc.

But one important question arises again, if he does not want to follow the religious laws then why does he follow the secular country laws? One answer surely is the because of the fear of punishment. But God also says he'd punish you if you don't be nice in developing discipline in your lives so why doesn't he follows the religious laws then out of the fear of God's punishment? Well, a country's punishment is visible and God's punishment isn't. So does that prove Harris is a materialistic person? Yes, he is.

But hey I've got an ideal situation. What if the religious laws are imposed as country laws in a particular country, would then Harris follow those laws without complain because he doesn't even complain about drug laws etc. If the answer is still no, then

²⁵ <https://www.esquire.com/lifestyle/a21719186/all-states-that-legalized-weed-in-us/>

know that the same thing is in action again which compels Harris to always speak against religion, yes, Hatred!

Incident of accusation on Ayesha r.a:

There are some important factors associated to Harris's statement on this issue. Firstly, whatever Harris said is absolutely baseless and again filled with many lies. Basically, as he doesn't have sound knowledge about Islam so he makes many blunders naturally about it like saying the witness of a woman is always half of that to a man which it's not etc. But the point here in this case is that he wasn't present at that place and at that time so how could he comment so surely about what he's saying at first, it is even against every secular law in the world to do so. Secondly, he's completely unaware of the situation, and the worst part is he's using the Muslim sources to explain the incident and still misinterpreting whatever those sources mention. The reasoning he's using is based on an information which is absolutely incorrect. There are some basic questions which rise on the comments which he made that prove his talk to be inappropriately vague:

There was NO eye witness to the incident. While Harris said there were 3. It is on him now to prove those or accept that he lied.

The head of the accusers was Abdullah bin Ubay who was known as the "Chief of Hypocrites" even before this incident, how could a statement and accusation of such an enemy of the accused party be accepted before any court of law?

What is the proof that the condition of presenting 4 witnesses wasn't present before this incident? Both the accused persons didn't approve of the accusation, their case was solved according to the law, so how could they be held guilty now by Harris without any proofs?

If the same incident had happened to Harris's mother, and there were no eye witnesses to it, the accused didn't accept the allegations as well, the matter was solved according to Islamic laws, court declared them innocent, would Harris still come up with the same stance that his mother is lying, all of the system is wrong and she has surely committed adultery?

If not, then may Harris again bid farewell to his common sense!

Now, I'd mention the whole incident for the readers to make them understand what is the reality and what Harris spoke out!

During one of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)'s journeys back to Medina from a battle, Ayesha r.a was present in the caravan. As the wife of Prophet Muhammad PBUH, she was given special status and therefore, was covered during the travel in a small cabin with curtains on a camel to avoid heat and overexertion. During these journeys, the caravan would only stop once during the day and in this particular instance, they stopped during the night. As they rested, Aisha r.a left her cabin and went further into the desert to relieve herself. On her way back, she realized she had lost her necklace, one of special significance because it was given to her by the Prophet PBUH. She became occupied with looking for her necklace, which was difficult because it was at night and in the desert. She was so occupied, she didn't realize the caravan was moving and the army didn't realize she wasn't in her cabin because the curtains were drawn and she was so lightweight there was no discernable difference. When Ayesha r.a finally found the necklace and realized she had been left behind, she laid down in the spot her camel had been and waited, hoping the caravan would return. Eventually, she fell asleep.

A companion by the name of Safwan r.a was the man designated to travel further behind the caravan to ensure nothing was left behind. He discovered Ayesha r.a sleeping the next morning and

upon identifying her, he backed up and said “inna illahi wa inna lillahi rajoun” (to Him we belong and to Him we return), assuming that she’s dead. She woke up suddenly by his words – the only words that were ever spoken between them – and covered her face. He silently lowered the camel, she got on, and they traveled in complete silence back to Medina in broad daylight. When Abdullah bin Ubay, the man known as the chief of hypocrites in medina came to know about all this started to accuse them and the rest I have mention already. Ayesha r.a was sent to her father’s home where she became sick because of the false accusations laid down on her, eventually none other God Almighty defended her dignity by sending down revelation describing that she’s absolutely innocent and then gave a law so that no one should accuse an innocent woman after this, and of this story is still preserved as such in the Quran in Surah Noor and the authentic hadiths in its commentary.

Dear readers, this incident is such a beautiful example of how the dignity of an innocent woman was saved and the all merciful God Himself acted as the witness for a woman to set her free from false charges made against her. But have you all noticed, Harris Sultan, who wrote this book and said it specifically that his book is dedicated specially to the women, and he ended up accusing a proven innocent woman for his dirty purposes to defame a beautiful faith called Islam. This proves he’s nowhere worried about women and their rights but his sole purpose is only to catch popularity by using their name otherwise he’d have defended an innocent woman despite of accusing her. He’s out of those men who play with the sentiments of women by talking about their rights but his inside agenda is to use them up to fulfill his purposes and this incident is the prime example of it. I urge all the women who are reading this book to stand against this man for what he did to an innocent woman by accusing her and expose this man and his dirty agenda. Don’t be misled by his

clever games to amuse you, you've seen what does he do to women when he gets a chance to defame them, he'll not leave anyone out of you as well when he'd had the opportunity to do so. His one and only purpose is to defame religion on any cost, be it through lying, cheating or stealing. He's only pursuing the thing I'm mentioning again and again,

and that is,

Hatred!

Misinterpreting Islam once more:

Harris speaks out, if you believe in Islam, you have to kill every other person who resist you by quoting 8:39. The context of the verse is pretty clear which tells Muslim authorities to fight with the people who creates unrest and mischief on the land, as it is directed to every law enforcement agency by the secular governments of the world as well till date. So, if Islam asks to do the same to bring peace in the society then what's wrong in it?

Moreover, the Jizyah or tax on non-Muslims is also a part of law which a country or state have the right to impose how they feel is ideal. There are hundreds of different unjust taxes which are highly criticized by economic experts in the present world as well, have you seen Harris speaking on those? For example, the present general sales tax system imposes a tax on every saleable item even on simple drinking water, no matter a billionaire buys it or an under privileged unemployed person, both have to pay the same amount of tax on it! isn't it unjust? But do Harris speak out on it? But in Islam, the tax is only on the wealthy people no matter they're Muslims or non-Muslims, it's just the different name of taxes for them, a wealthy Muslim has to pay Zakat, and non-Muslim the Jizyah, poor people in both the cases don't have to pay anything in fact they receive it, can it get more just then that? Also, what about if this system is implied in countries like

Australia, well Jizyah is only applicable if there's a Muslim rule, if Australia becomes a Muslim country in future and there's a Muslim government there, then it's the right of the government to apply any kind of tax, no one has the right to rebel to it, this is how states work isn't it?

Harris's strange obsession with religious Practices:

Harris narrates a long story which proves nothing but fills the pages. But he said a hilarious thing which made me laugh hard literally. He said that people say Ma sha Allah and recite Surah Falaq and Naas to get protected from evil eye. Don't tell me Harris you even have a problem with that? Are you even serious? You say that there shouldn't be even an objection over people having sex in private, but you're objecting on what people do in their private lives on daily basis yourself? Did you really mean it (lol).

Harris said his family is still Muslim, apparently they're less intelligent, unreasonable, fools, cursed and exhibit less intellectual abilities than Harris, but still I'd ask him to get a dum of Falaq and Naas from them, he'll surely feel good I guarantee (smiles).

Can't a Muslim be friends with non-Muslims?

Once again Harris shows his lack of knowledge with Islam and misinterprets another thing. He said a Muslim can't be friends with a non-Muslim (meaning they should only be enemies with them). Whereas Allah says in the Quran:

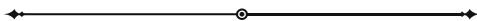
"And indeed you will definitely find the nearest of them in affection to the ones who have believed are the ones who say, 'Surely we are Christians, that is for that among them are priests and monks, and they do not wax proud.'"²⁶

²⁶ Al Quran 5:89

Here, God says that to the Muslims the closest of the people are the Christians and also God has described their good qualities as well. There can't be a better statement than this to bring peace, harmony and religious plurality over all in the society which is utterly required. By the way, the atheists don't offer or entertain this plurality and are always looking to create a fuss in the society by speaking ill of the things vast majority of people love by the cores of their heart.

I'd end the chapter by saying again that this very chapter just reproved that Harris seriously lacks knowledge about Islam and is following his instincts for the purposes best known to him only.

CHAPTER FIVE



The Atheist Hypothesis:

“On that Day the earth will recount everything, having been inspired by your Lord ‘to do so’. On that Day people will proceed in separate groups to be shown ‘the consequences of’ their deeds. So whoever does an atom’s weight of good will see it. And whoever does an atom’s weight of evil will see it.”

-Al Quran 99:4-8

Unlike the imperfectness, vulnerability, fallibleness and sometimes foolishness of humans, God is perfect, invulnerable, infallible and the most intelligent. He made the universe and instated a proper system in it. And He tells about the system Himself that He made the humans and gave them the free will, now they can do whatever they want or like, but if they won’t believe in Him and His message, upon their return to Him after death, they’ll experience the consequences of what they used to do in the world. He made a proper day to judge the people and calls Himself:

“Master of the day of Judgement”²⁷

Hence, the world is not made neither meant for that purpose of judging between people. This world is a place of test, like the examination hall is the place for test and the result day is some other day. Saying that why doesn’t God judge between people

²⁷ Al Quran 1:4

immediately is like saying why doesn't they give results immediately in the examination hall. Also, God is "Al Aleem" the All Knower, and we don't even know what's going to happen to us the next hour or the next meaning, so we can't tell if a person who's a wrong doer or catastrophe now might become the most pious in the coming future. But as God almighty knows this He doesn't rush or haste to judge between people as He is "As Saboor" the Most Patient, but keep giving them the chance until they're alive, as He is "Al Tawwab" the Acceptor of Repentance, and when the time of the exam is over i.e. death occurs, so the promised day of reckoning befalls for judgement.

Hence, a human can't tell God what to do or what's better with his limited knowledge, God knows best what He want to do and what's best with His perfect knowledge.

Answerless, but the Bigotry Continues:

So, Harris repeats time and again that theists say because you don't have the answers so the answer is God and rightly so. And Harris brings a counter argument that when you get the answers so God is not required. Still Harris admits we don't know what happened before the big bang, when religion tells it ironically he doesn't accept, he can't even tell the name of his great grandfather, an information about himself, this is the level of the knowledge of human beings, but he still keeps on beating the same drum that we know this we know that so God is not required. Oh harry boy, how in world can you say that, please restore your senses it really gives me pain to see you like that. If God had willed He'd have told humans everything about His creation but of course He didn't will it, He only let you and me know limited things and that too He didn't present us in a plate but asked us to explore His creation and only then can we know about Him, as the Quran says: "We will show them Our signs in the universe and within themselves until it becomes clear to

them that this 'Quran' is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a Witness over all things?"²⁸

I can just give Harris a sarcastic smile on his logic after providing this verse. ☺

The Scientist Harris:

Now comes the time when Harris Sultan introduce himself as a scientist, and not only that he becomes a theologian as well in the time being. But this scientist has missed the trick quite a few times, let me make a list of it:

Mr. Scientist says that God created the heavens and the earth in six days and quotes the Quranic verse for it and rightly so. But now the scientist turns into a theologian by self-interpreting the verse by calling this time period to be equivalent to 13.8 billion years. From where did he get this from? Does the Quran say its 13.8 billion years? No? it should be in some hadith then, again no? can Harris jump into the river now? Sure if he wishes. But wait on, when the time of big bang and the time period of the six days is not specified because its knowledge is with God so how could Harris point it out as a fallacy and call it a lie? Well Harris's logic is just dumped into the can, that's it.

Now, Mr. Scientist starts to call the well criticized, clueless, proof-less creation theories as the ultimate reality and whatever contradicts them, in fact whatever doesn't confirms them is got to be a lie. Yes, you can say a goodbye to his logic and senses again. How Mr. Scientist knew the exact times and happenings of the past where he wasn't present in person? Is he God? Of course not. He must be present their witnessing the things. Surely not. Then how can he be so sure of what happened, when it happened and how it happened? Oh yes the theories again. So, why those theories aren't still accepted all over, criticized and are

²⁸ Al Quran 41:53

nowhere near a fact? Because they lack observable evidence, they have loopholes, they leave even more questions with what they may answer. So you mean they can't cancel anything because they first have to be proved themselves? Of course yes. So does Harris present them like a fact then and cancel the religious stance with them? How would he satisfy his hatred then?

Mr. Scientist now finally turns into a judge. He issues some verdicts that based on his theories and explanations, religions are wrong, God doesn't exist and Harris Sultan has have presented the right perspective of creation. The readers must keep the thing in mind that I'm answering phrase for phrase, because Harris just present some phrases which in turn happens to be some theories. On the other hand, I refute the claimant that neither these theories prove religion wrong nor that God doesn't exist. Keep in mind, this universe and whatever is in inside is not God's only creation, He has created countless more things which we don't even know, hence His Qudrat is always on work. Moreover, the basic arguments are based on assumptions, yes he can say religious stances are also assumptions but it doesn't rule the possibility out that they maybe and surely are right. What theories presents to us is just an idea that this might have happened, whereas religion tells you surely that this happened, either you'd be able to confirm it by your available knowledge or you'll understand your limits. All the scientists, who presented creation theories, or some of those who are working on astronomical or biological sciences unanimously agree to the fact that our knowledge as humans is extremely limited. We can't confirm or reject anything based on such theories rather we can only have an idea, that too wildly. And that's it.

How the Quran talks about Non-Muslims?

Firstly, the one who doesn't believe in the one true God and denies Him even after seeing thousands of His signs, does he

deserve to get a medal from God for doing so? Yes, I'm personally an unapologetic Muslim and I say it openly which I find to be Haq, the truth. If someone intentionally wants to go towards eternal destruction and ending up in hellfire, and God would have praised the person for doing so, then it'd have been strange. But this is the way God warns the people, so that they may realize. Even a teacher or a parent at home who cares about their kids and students scold the kid somewhat so that he may pay heed to what they say, and God, the creator of everything won't do it? teachers and parents worry more and God less! It's not possible naturally.

Secondly, it doesn't harm anyone to condemn them or their attitude. And also if we see the context of those verses they tell a different story. At many places God have asked Muslims to negotiate, talk to them by leaving differences aside (3:64) and even calling some of them as the closest to Muslims (5:82). So, it proves that Harris has intentionally left those verses or neither he's unaware of those, he just wants to defame the religion out of what? Yes, hatred! But wait a minutes, look who's talking, what does theists do? they absolutely abuse the religion, call names to the believers, and still complain with some hard words by God! I'd use the same words Harris used but in a decent way, God hasn't done anything bad to you, why do you still have the hate for Him? For no cause! But of course it's not the first time he has contradicted himself.

And lastly, there's always a law for offenders everywhere in the world. But do you ever see Harris saying some bunch of hate filled judges are punishing people in anger? If not, then why? By this logic, Harris should start a movement against every judge of the world who punish the offenders because they break the law. If he'd not do that and he surely won't, then he has no right to comment of God and His judgement for the offenders of His law!

The Character of God:

Anger:

As I've mentioning the attributes of God in order to make Harris and people of his likes to understand who God really is, it'd be rather befitting now as well what He's not as well. Harris describes God with anger in his talk, while there's no attribute of God named as "Al Ghazib" meaning the angry, which means He doesn't get angry and He can't be as well. Anger is a human trait which is considered bad and even advised by Prophet Muhammad PBUH to the people to don't get angry²⁹. So, how could God possess such a quality which is considered bad among people, of course it's impossible. Now, what about the places where such statements occur which talks about the Arabic word "Ghazb" whose one meaning is anger. Well it's about the knowledge of the Arabic language and also to know about the consensus of Muslim scholars that this word when used with God it means His displeasure and not anger. To give you an example let me bring a translation of the same word Harris provided from Muhammad Asad's translation:

"Say: "Shall I tell you who, in the sight of God, deserves a yet worse retribution than these? They whom God has rejected and whom He has condemned, and whom He has turned into apes and swine because they worshipped the powers of evil: these are yet worse in station, and farther astray from the right path [than the mockers]" (5:60).

Here, Muhammad Asad translates the word Ghazab as the condemnation or displeasure of God than His anger. It clearly tells that cherry picking won't really work for Harris because he has to deal with the real knowledge rather than just using google baba to get the points he wishes. Yes, some of the translators may

²⁹ Bukhari 5765

have translated as anger but English language is deficient to provide the translation of some Arabic words many times so the popular word has to be used, but the meaning of the word must have to be taken from the Arabic root rather than the translated English word.

Alright now coming towards the commentary by Harris on the verse. He says why God is concerned about very few Jews. Firstly, the exact number of Jews is not known from the time the verse was revealed so how could he say few? Secondly, God is concerned about every human being in the world because all are His creation, the verse just gives an example of Jews to whom? To the other people like me and you in order to make us take heed, so the concern is about us and not primarily of the Jews here.

Now talking about Prophet Muhammad PBUH, firstly he couldn't know to write so he can't "pen down" the verse. Secondly, he wasn't merely a political leader, he was offered the headship of the Makkah which he refused, had he wanted power or followers he'd have accepted the offer of headship but he refused, this clearly proves Harris's claims as wrong. Thirdly, Prophet Muhammad PBUH signed a historic contract with the Jews of Medina called the "Treaty of Medina". The contract was if there's a threat to the Jews, the Muslims will support and rescue them and vice versa, similarly if there's a threat to Medina both Muslims and Jews will defend the city, but what happened? The Jews betrayed Prophet Muhammad PBUH and broke the contract. This resulted in severing the ties between them. Prophet Muhammad PBUH never forced anyone to accept him, in fact the Quran says "There's no compulsion in religion". So, he didn't ever force anyone to accept him, he just presented his message as a messenger and that's it, there's no hadith of his which says whoever doesn't accept me shall be killed, then who is Harris? And how can he say that about him! It just clearly

proves again that Harris really needs some knowledge about Islam before commenting on it.

Love for Women:

Before describing the love for women I'd like to have a look on what Harris said.

72 Virgins?

Harris again goes on to show his extra ordinary ignorance with the religion of Islam as he comments 'every' Muslim man will get 72 virgins in paradise. I'd like him to show a single authentic statement which says so, in fact the Quran talks about 2 wives in Surah Rahman. Here again Harris brought disgrace to his face by misinterpreting Islam. I'd again urge him to at least have some grace and despite of calling upon google baba as his savior he should try to study a little with an honest and serious attitude.

Does Islam degrade Women?

So, now comes the go to argument of the atheists that Islam apparently degrades the women. Harris also takes, in fact grabs the argument with both hands and I don't mind about that because this point needs to get clear among masses. So, Harris first thanks the western world for giving women their rights, agreeing or disagreeing to it is a different issue but discrediting Islam altogether is an intellectual dishonesty for sure and a denial of history as well. Before Islam, women had absolutely NO rights at all anywhere in the world. In the Roman cultures, they were considered no more than sex slaves. Among the Arabs of course they were even buried alive. In the Indian culture they were burnt alive with the death of their husbands let alone giving them any share in inheritance. But what Islam did to women for which Harris complains? From slaves, Islam elevated there ranks to the level that whole of the paradise was thrown under their feet, no man could reach paradise by displeasing a woman. This

is the thing for which Harris complains? God said in the Quran to be happy at the birth of girls, while Prophet Muhammad PBUH said:

“Whoever has three daughters and he accommodates them, show mercy toward them, and supports them, Paradise is definitely guaranteed for him.”.³⁰

Loving the daughters was made a condition to reach paradise, this is why Harris have a problem with Islam!

Also, women were given the right in inheritance as an obligation for the first time in human history (some detail will follow later on this). Harris thanks the west for giving women the rights, while did not have a right to inheritance or even to buy property up till the mid of 20th century, while Islam gave these rights 14 centuries ago, so Harris should have thanked Islam first rather than the west. Yes, if he means to say that west gave free access to women to play with them so he's thankful to them for this then he can perfectly say that. But wait, the west has now given women all of their rights, is it? Can Harris tell me how many female presidents did the US have till now? What, zero? Changed my mind.

Plus, another misinterpretation that women are made to serve men, where it is completely the opposite in Islam. A man has an obligation to serve his mother, take care of his sister, love his daughters and most importantly, the marriage contract binds a man to serve his wife by providing her food, clothing and shelter. There's no marriage in Islam without the man taking all the responsibilities of his wife, if the man can't do so the women have a valid reason now to take a divorce any time she wants. But yes, in terms of the marriage contract in Islam, a man has to provide everything to the wife and the wife only have to obey

³⁰ As Saheehah - Authentic

her husband. This is a very simple situation, even in your school you're taught by your teacher and you have to obey him/her as a discipline of the system of school. Similarly, if we see in a broader aspect, the state provides every basic necessity to its inhabitants and in return the inhabitant have to obey the state so that the system of state stays intact. If all of these things are ok and acceptable for Harris, then I guess there shouldn't be a problem for him to accept the very similar family system of Islam. But of course if he doesn't accept then there's a thing going in his heart and mind about Islam as usual, yes, you're right. That's hatred.

A hilarious objection by Harris on Sex Positions:

Harris quotes 2:223 verse of the Quran and firstly misinterprets it by saying that it means women are like land to men for cultivation. While this is pure negligence with the Arabic language, lack of all the senses altogether and a vague statement of intense ignorance. The context of the verse is that it was revealed with two guidelines in intimate relations of spouses, 1) All sex positions are allowed as far as 2) They end up in the vagina. The word tilth is a signal word for vagina as only that can bear a seed i.e. semen to have an offspring, while God is not shameless like Harris to use the word directly in his sacred book but gives an indication that sexual intercourse in anus is disallowed and all other forms are allowed. The Arabs on which the verse was first recited perfectly understood the meanings and mister Sheikh ul Quran Harris got the meaning of baby-producing machine and raping her from this which is not mentioned anywhere in the verse.

I sometimes wonder where would the hatred lead Harris, he's already in deep waters and I'm afraid it'll cause him some mental ailment as well at least euphoria with Islam.

Lie, lie again till you lie again!

Yes, this is the motto of Harris. But let me quote some of his hilarious lies for the entertainment of my readers.

Are the men ‘Masters’ of Women:

So, is the state ‘master’ of people or their servant? yet people have to obey it? The Quran use the word “Protectors and Maintainers” while Harris says “Master”. Let me repeat it once again for our free entertainment:

Quran: Protectors and Maintainers

Harris: Masters

Hahahahaha

Does Muslim men beat their wives?

My parents have been married for more than 35 years now, and my father have never beaten my mother and he’s practicing Muslim Alhamdulillah. Harris criminally misinterprets Islam like Muslim men beat up their wives every day. He behaves like a child but I’d have to say Islam is not a child’s play, to understand it you need to be a grown up (at least mentally). On the contrary, Harris time and again behaves like you have to accept what I say is Islam no matter what your scriptures or Prophet say, whatever I say only is Islam and my proof is myself and some bad examples of ignorant people with Islam like Harris himself. If a woman is married to a psychopath, she can get a divorce from him any time she wants. And no, she doesn’t have to be beaten ever, apart from some bad people who are present everywhere including the atheists, you can see the reports of sexual and physical violence against women in the western society where according to Harris a lots of atheists reside, not

forgetting the stats of those criminals I mentioned in my book³¹ that majority of offenders are atheists because there's no religious morality to stop them. While I mentioned before whatever Prophet Muhammad PBUH did is Islam and no one else's say, opinion or actions can be Islam. So, whatever Harris says about Islam is not Islam but whatever my Prophet PBUH did is Islam. So, now returning to the entertainment factor again:

Prophet Muhammad PBUH: Never beaten a woman in his life.

Harris: Muslims are directed to beat their wives.

Hahahahaha

Some more absolutely free entertainment:

First of all, I'd really want to thank Harris for providing us free entertainment, really appreciate it buddy. So, Harris says a girl from Pakistan named Hadia contacted her and told him what Islam is. Alright, so Muslims say the Sunnah (Words, Actions) of Prophet Muhammad PBUH is Islam while Harris says the opinion of Hadia is Islam, now Harris will tell us what is Islam! Anyway, here's your action reply:

Muslims: Sunnah of the Prophet PBUH is Islam.

Harris: Opinion of Hadia from Pakistan is Islam.

Hahahahaha

Right of Divorce?

Harris said that women are not allowed to divorce men and rightly so, some detail of it will follow later. But he said that the women have to beg for divorce in Islam. Alright, fair enough with the logic, now let's see the divorce laws of all secular countries of the world. Including, the country of Harris's

³¹ Philosophical and Scientific Analysis of God Delusion – P 126

domicile i.e. Australia, US, UK and all European countries have their divorce laws in which women have to get the divorce through courts if there's no mutual consent for divorce. So, let me say it now, the women in the west are begging for divorce in the west and down under Australia as well, fair enough? If not, then why Harris have a problem with the identical Islamic law of divorce? Yes, you guessed it right again, hatred!

Harris steals Statements from the Quran:

To catch the eyes, Harris steals some verses of the Quran and says as if he's the author of these, while it doesn't stop here, he even goes on to portray that these verses doesn't occur in the Quran. Firstly, the Quran is not the words of Prophet Muhammad PBUH but God Himself, so the Prophet can't add or subtract anything from the Quran out of His own desire. It is said in the Quran:

“By the stars when they fade away! Your fellow man (Prophet Muhammad PBUH) is neither misguided nor astray. Nor does he speak of his own whims. It is only a revelation sent down to him.”³²

Secondly, Harris quoted some words stealing from the Quran, and showed these are his words. Let me give the real sources of those words.

Harris: Men and women are equal – Stolen from:

The Glorious Quran: Men and Women are equal before Allah.
(4:124)

Harris: Both should resolve their differences through discussion
Stolen from:

³² Al Quran – 53:1-4

The Glorious Quran: There is no blame on them (Husband and Wife) if they arrange an amicable settlement between themselves, and such settlement is best. (4:128)

Harris: When disagreements becomes unbearable they should part ways, no doubt Allah is just and merciful – Stolen from:

The Glorious Quran: “And if they decide on divorce - then indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing.” (4:130)

Plagiarism and intellectual dishonesty at its best!

Polygamy and Islam:

This is another point which Harris and of course many other people use to attack Islam. To be honest, there's nothing to be apologetic at it for the Muslims as it is right in accordance with human nature. What Dr. Zakir Naik or other people tell about polygamy is the secondary supportive evidence, which's too is right, but the primary reason is the nature of man to love more women. But Islam has asked the Muslims to do it in a proper, reasonable, honorable and dignifying way. But have a look at other people like the atheists where there's no system to protect the rights of women. An atheist like Harris can have 40 partners let alone 4 and no one is pissed off, but as Islam only says you can have 4 if you like and everyone loses their minds. This hypocrisy should have to be stopped, it has to end.

Harris trying to fool women again:

Alright, I'll get the equation right and straight. If Harris and all the atheists in the world as an organization declare that from now on the male members out of us won't have more than one female sexual partner whole of their lives, and if it happens, made it a punishable offence, I'm ready to lead a movement to encourage Muslim men to marry only one woman. And if doesn't happen, which it surely won't happen, then I urge the

women reading my book to again expose this guy and don't fall in his trap. He's a person who might be sleeping with several women a week, not fulfilling any of their rights, using them like a sexual object, and still portrays like he's raising a voice for women and their rights. He's surely a hypocrite and that too of a highest level. This man and the people of his like just want to catch the eyes of women by using some words of their rights but in reality what they do in their lives to women is far more than what an animal could do to its female counterpart. Can you spot the difference between an animal who goes behind its female counterpart just for sexual desire and leave her afterwards and in a person like Harris who does the same to many women and doesn't fulfil any of their rights because there's nothing stopping him to have more women every day and nothing binds him to be dutiful to them. Adding to it is the hypocrisy again, Islam stops a person at 4, but where does atheism stops a person at? Oh women beware, everything he says regarding polygamy applies to him first. He's trying to move you from a secured marital relationship to a destructive relationship which brings nothing but pains every day. He says Muslim men bring other wives to their home but they're not allowed for more than 4, while an atheist like Harris brings a new girl home every day because nothing stops him from this. In Islam, a man is prohibited to have hidden sexual relations out of marriage, if he does so he'll be punished, for what? To save the rights of women, to not let him breach the rights of both the women he's been into i.e. his wife at home and girlfriend outside, he's punished severely to save the breach of those women's rights. But where he wants to take you? To a place where he can have countless sexual relationships destroying his female partner mentally and physically, and there's no justice for her as well because atheistic values doesn't punish the man for being disloyal, this is how male-biased system based it is which he wants to take you to, the system which is based on the destruction of women's rights, and

that is known as atheism. And you'd surely know and understand now how Islam secures the right of women from these wild men because God almighty knew they'd get wild against women and would always like to use and throw them up as napkins, so God almighty secured the rights for women in Islam which these people can't digest because they want liberty to exploit women which Islam doesn't allow.

Islamic stance made clear:

Islam categorically prohibits extra marital sexual relations. This is to ensure the rights of women both in marriage with the man and outside marriage as well. If a married man still does it he gets punished with a death penalty that how dare he cheat a woman. Can anyone ever ensure the rights of women more perfectly than that? Plus, another point should also be made clear, obeying the husband is only in maruf, meaning the recommended actions, whenever the husband asks something which disobeys God the wife will not obey her husband, hence it's not a blind obedience, she has to see the thing he's saying is right or not, if it's right then she would accept it and if it's not she shouldn't. Also, if a husband beats his wife, even in an Islamic country like Pakistan there are laws which ensure this act is a crime and strict action is taken against such a person, and it simply proves this is an action absolutely against the teachings of Islam. Nevertheless, if a grave incident like honor killing happens, this is the most condemned act in Islam and most severe of punishments are given for this act. A woman in Islam has all the right to marry anyone she likes, in fact marriage doesn't even occur without her consent³³. So, anyone going against the teachings of Islam doesn't represent the religion, is highly condemned and if commits a breach or crime, he's punished.

³³ Al Bukhari 6455

Another customary lie of Harris Sultan:

Harris said that in countries like Saudi Arabia, rapes don't get reported because four evidences are required for it which is a huge lie. Four evidences are only required for the punishment this is not a condition to report the crime. A crime like that is reported without any requirements like these, after its been reported the investigation process requires evidences like other crimes. So, Harris is caught red handed again!

Harris's logic got exposed:

For the covering of a woman's body, Harris comes up with a logic by comparing the woman with a car, both are absolutely different but he applies the same logic on both but let's us examine that. So, Harris said if a woman is covered its saying like you should cover your car as well so that the thief doesn't steals it. Whereas a woman is a living human with dignity and respect, to compare her to a car is disrespect to begin with. Secondly, if you want to compare then car is a different body, to protect it you don't need to cover it but lock it. With Harris's logic it should be like why do they even make a lock in the car? Even if they've made a lock why does you lock your car? Make the laws strict and remove all the locks from cars. Well my friend, there are car stealing laws everywhere in the world, yet the locks are applied on it, Harris would certainly be locking his car but imagine he's opposing the thing he does himself! In Islam, women are like treasures and we don't want to get them stolen, it's only for those where they're meant to be. Like you cover up your treasures and jewels and keep them safe, Islam also wants to make its treasure safe by covering it.

And finally, if there's a woman standing in a bikini in front of a man and then there's a woman standing fully covered head to toe, who's in more chances of a potential rape? Of course the one who's fully visible and the man can see her with lust. This is

simple logic and the explanation of a man's nature. No doubt a man has to be taught respect of a woman, even if she's uncovered that doesn't mean he can rape her. And for that purpose there are strict rape laws in Islam to secure woman. Islam over all happens to be the most secured religion for woman this way.

Harris doomed men as well:

Making a man's position clear as well. A Muslim man is only given the permission of polygamy, it's not an obligation on him to marry more than once. Harris tries to portray as if every Muslim man is married with more than one wife where it is absolutely the opposite. In America alone, the ration is roundabout 5% of polygamous marriages by Muslim men³⁴. It means an overwhelming majority of men which is 95% of them marry only once in their lifetimes. And this is what God has said in the Quran as well, God doesn't make it compulsory for men instead He says if you can't do justice marry only one³⁵. And this is what Muslim men do as well. This verse binds majority of Muslim men as great as 95% of them to marry only once while what is the situation on the other side? Atheists can have a new girl every day because nothing stops them. Which of the two sides ensures women rights here? The one who's not letting marry more than one to ensure the fulfillment of women's rights in the best of the ways, or where Harris wants to take you where every day they can have a new girl? Time for women first to doom atheism!

Harris hails his ignorance again:

Harris said that it's not written anywhere that Adam and Eve were married. While it's clearly mentioned in the Quran:

³⁴<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=90857818?storyId=90857818>

³⁵ Al Quran – 4:1

“And We said, "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise.”³⁶

So, the Quran calls Eve Adam's wife which means they were married in the paradise. But why does it concern Harris? Because he wants to have intimate access to women to fulfill his wild desires which doesn't let him stop to one woman but compels him to have a new woman every day. So, simply he wants to use women like tissue paper, just wipe them and throw them away let alone working for their rights. Yes, God doesn't hate sex, He created it Himself, He asks us to discipline the way we do it so that we don't act like animals but humans.

Inheritance of women and Islam:

Not sure about either of the conditions, but Harris lies or shows his ignorance with Islam once again. Harris quotes a verse from the Quran which only mentions the inheritance from the father while doesn't mentions any other thing at all. In a nutshell, the inheritance shares of men and women are the same in Islam with the difference of the ways to get it, in fact sometimes a woman gets more than a man. As Islam is the religion which promotes justice, so it'd have injustice if the woman is getting more and the man is getting less, so to create that balance different shapes of shares in inheritance were implemented. But there many cases where a woman gets more than a man in Islam, for example, a deceased woman's daughter is entitled to half the inheritance while the husband of the deceased only receives one fourth. The detailed account on women's inheritance in Islam is given below:

Cases Where Women Have a Share Equal to Men:

1. If the deceased leaves a father, a mother, and a son's son.
2. If the deceased leaves a uterine brother and sister.

³⁶ Al Quran 2:35

3. If the deceased leaves full sisters, and uterine brothers and sisters.
4. If the deceased leaves a daughter, brother or the nearest residuary ['Asabah] to the father [with no one to exclude anyone from inheritance].
5. If the deceased leaves a father, a maternal grandmother and a son's son.
6. If the deceased leaves a husband, a mother, two uterine sisters and a full brother. According to 'Umar [raa], two uterine sisters and full brothers share one third equally.
7. A man or a woman is entitled to the whole estate in cases where he or she is the sole heir. For example, the son inherits the whole estate as a residuary, while the daughter inherits half as a sharer and the remainder by the method of Radd [return]. In another example, if the deceased leaves only a father, the father will inherit the estate as a residuary, and if the deceased leaves only a mother, then she inherits a third as a sharer and the remainder goes to her by the method of Radd [return].
8. If the deceased leaves her husband and a full sister, her sister inherits the same as the male. If the deceased leaves a husband and full brother, the husband is entitled to half, while the remainder goes to her brother as a residuary. If she leaves a husband and a sister, then the husband has half and the sister receives the remaining half as well.
9. If the deceased leaves a uterine sister and a full brother. If there is a husband, mother, uterine sister, and a full brother, then the husband is entitled to half, the mother is entitled to a sixth, the uterine sister is entitled to a sixth, and the remainder [one sixth] is given to the full brother as residuary.
10. Dhawul-Arham [distant relatives] which is applied under Egyptian Law in Article 31 of Law no. 77 in 1943. If there are

no sharers or residuaries, then the distant relatives are the heirs. In this case, the estate is divided among them equally. For instance, if the deceased leaves a daughter's daughter, a daughter's son, a maternal uncle and a maternal aunt, everyone will receive an equal share.

11. There are six people who are never fully excluded from inheritance: three men and three women. The three men are the husband, the son, and the father, and the three women are the wife, the daughter, and the mother.

Cases Where Women Inherit More Than Men:

1. If the deceased leaves a husband and one daughter.
2. If the deceased leaves a husband and two daughters.
3. If the deceased leaves a daughter and maternal uncles.
4. If a woman dies leaving \$60,000, and the heirs are her husband, father, mother and two daughters, the share of the two daughters is \$32,000, where each inherits \$16,000. If the deceased leaves two sons instead of two daughters, then each son inherits \$12,500, because the two daughters inherit two-thirds as sharers, while the two sons inherit the rest as residuaries.
5. If a woman dies when her estate is worth \$48,000, and she leaves a husband, two full sisters, and her mother, then the two sisters inherit two-thirds of the estate, which is \$12,000. If she leaves two brothers instead of two sisters, each brother inherits only \$8,000 because they inherit the remainder of the estate after the husband and the mother receive their share.
6. Similarly, if she leaves two paternal sisters, they inherit more than two paternal brothers.
7. If a woman dies leaving a husband, a father, a mother, and a daughter and her estate is worth \$156,000, then the daughter inherits half of the estate [i.e. \$72,000], but if she leaves a son instead of a daughter, then he would only inherit \$65,000

because she inherits as a sharer while he inherits as a residuary. Sharers are given their share first and then the residuaries.

8. If a woman dies leaving her husband, mother, and full sister, and her estate is worth \$48,000, then the full sister inherits \$18,000. But if she leaves a full brother instead of a sister, then he inherits \$8,000 because he only inherits as a residuary, whereas the sister would inherit as a sharer, like the husband and the mother. In this case, the full sister inherits more than double the share of a full brother.

9. If a man dies when his estate is worth \$48,000, and he leaves a wife, mother, two uterine sisters, and two full brothers, then the two uterine sisters [who are the furthest relatives of the deceased] inherit \$16,000, or \$8,000 each, while the two full brothers inherit \$12,000, or \$6,000 each.

10. If a woman leaves a husband, uterine sister, and two full brothers and her estate is worth \$120,000, then the uterine sister inherits one-third of the estate, or \$40,000, while the two full brothers inherit \$20,000. Thus, the uterine sister [who is the furthest relative of the deceased] receives a share which is four times that of the full brother.

11. If the deceased leaves a father, mother, and husband, according to Ibn 'Abbas, the husband inherits half, the mother is entitled to one-third and the remaining one-sixth goes to the father. The father here inherits half of his wife's share.

12. If a woman leaves a husband, mother, uterine sister, and two full brothers, and her estate is worth \$60,000, the uterine sister inherits \$10,000 while each brother inherits \$5,000. This means that the uterine sister's share is double that of the full brother, even though she is a more distant relative to the deceased than him.

13. If a man leaves a wife, a father, a mother, a daughter and his son's daughter when the estate is worth \$576,000, then the share

of his son's daughter is \$96,000, whereas if he had left a son's son instead of a son's daughter, the share of his son's son would only be \$27,000.

14. If the deceased leaves a mother, maternal grandmother, and paternal grandmother, and the estate is worth \$60,000, then the mother inherits one-sixth as a sharer and the remainder by the method of return [radd]. If the deceased leaves a father instead of a mother; meaning a father, a maternal grandmother, and a paternal grandmother, then the maternal grandmother will inherit one-sixth or \$10,000 and will not be excluded. \$10,000 and the remainder [\$50,000] is given to the father. The mother inherits the whole estate [\$60,000] while if the father assumes her position he will only inherit \$50,000 which means that she inherits more than him.

Cases Where Women Inherit and Men Do not:

1. If a woman leaves her husband, father, mother, daughter, and son's daughter and her estate is worth \$195,000, then the son's daughter inherits one-sixth [\$26,000]. However, if the woman leaves a son's son instead of a son's daughter, then his share will be zero, because he is a residuary who would inherit the remainder but there is no remainder. This distribution is different from the law of obligatory bequest applied in Egyptian Law No. 71 of 1946, which contradicts the Islamic Schools of Thought. Here, I mean the authentic schools that maintain that women inherit in some cases, while men do not.

2. If a woman leaves a husband, full sister, and paternal sister and her estate is worth \$84,000, the paternal sister inherits one-sixth, or \$12,000, while if there is a paternal brother instead, he will inherit nothing. The husband will inherit half of her estate and the full sister will inherit half, and the remainder [i.e. nothing] goes to the paternal brother.

3. The grandmother in many cases has a share in the inheritance while the grandfather does not. By viewing the rules of inheritance for grandparents, I have noticed the following: a grandfather who is related to the deceased from the father's side, such as the paternal grandfather or the paternal great-grandfather, whoever is closer to the deceased, have no share in inheritance while the maternal grandfather or maternal great-grandfather also have no share in the inheritance. The grandmother, who is entitled to inheritance, is the one whose relation to the deceased does not include a grandfather, who is not entitled to inheritance, or if she is the grandmother whose relation to the deceased does not include a father between two mothers. Thus, the mother of the mother's father is not entitled to inheritance while the mother of the father's mother is entitled to it.

4. If the deceased leaves a maternal grandfather and maternal grandmother, then the maternal grandmother inherits the whole estate and takes one-sixth as a sharer, in addition to the residue by the method of return [radd], while the maternal grandfather inherits nothing, since he is a disinherited grandfather.

5. It is the same when a man dies leaving a maternal great-grandfather and maternal great-grandmother. The maternal great-grandmother inherits the whole estate, because she inherits one-sixth as a sharer and the remainder by the method of Radd, whereas the maternal great-grandfather inherits nothing since he is not entitled as a grandfather.

Thus, there are more than thirty cases where a woman inherits the same as or more than a man, or where she has a share and he does not. In contrast, there are only four cases where a woman inherits half the share of a man. These are the results of examining the cases and issues in the law of inheritance. I think that this misconception is now clear.

Witness of a woman in Islam:

In Islam, testimony have some conditions and ignorance to those again leads people like Harris to speak and bring an insult to their faces. Like he said you need 8 women witnesses in place of 4 men which is absolutely untrue. Let me describe that in detail as well.

Conditions of a Witness:

The witness must be just and truthful, regardless of sex. 2. The witness must have some knowledge about the case that enables them to be aware of it and to witness it. If it is proven to the judge that the witness is characterized as sympathetic and tender-hearted then his testimony will not be acceptable, as this indicates that his reaction to criminal issues and his ability to testify about such issues is weak or absent.

Facts about Testimony of a Woman:

1. The testimony of a woman is accepted like that of a man in regards to seeing the crescent of Ramadan.
2. A woman's testimony is equal to that of a man concerning the oath of Li'an.
3. The testimony of a woman is accepted in issues pertaining to women. Ibn Qudamah said in Al-Mughni, 'The testimony of a just woman is accepted in matters that men do not know much about, such as nursing, childbirth, menstruation, 'Iddah (waiting period) and other similar cases. There are no disputes among scholars on this issue. He clarifies this ruling in another place saying, 'The testimony of one woman is accepted in five matters: 1. childbirth 2. the cry of a newborn baby 3. nursing 4. conditions hidden under clothes such as virginity, and leprosy 5. termination of the waiting period (Iddah).

4. The testimony of one woman is accepted in many cases. Ibn Qudamah said, 'The testimony of one woman is accepted in every case where the testimony of women alone is accepted.' 'Uqbah Ibn Al-Harith asked the Messenger of God PBUH saying, 'I married a woman, then a female slave came to me and said, 'I suckled you both.' Accordingly, the Prophet PBUH ordered them to separate. He said she is a liar. Then, the Messenger PBUH said, 'Leave (divorce) her.' Ibn Al-Qayyim commented on this saying, 'This means that the testimony of one woman was accepted, even though she was a female slave.' Ma'ruf Ad-Dawalibi commented on this elegantly saying, 'The Shari'ah generally places more emphasis on the testimony pertaining to financial issues, by adding another man beside the first one in order to confirm his testimony and to remove any doubt. No one considers that this is degrading to men as long as this upholds the rights of people. Moreover, the testimony of a single man can never be accepted in even the most trivial of financial issues, whereas women excel men in terms of giving sole testimonies without men in more serious matters, such as being a witness to childbirth, which pertains to lineage and inheritance. Here, a single man's testimony is not accepted in even the most trivial financial issues. This is an insightful response to those who accuse Islamic teachings of preferring men to women regarding testimony.'

5. The testimony of a woman is sometimes preferred to that of a man. For instance, cancelling a marriage contract is the husband's choice as well as the wife's choice if either discovers an undisclosed defect in the other. If their views differ in defining the defect, then there should be a reliable female witness whose testimony will be accepted by all sides.

6. Testimony is different from narration. The narration of one woman is accepted in every matter, even in Hadith. Prophetic Hadith have been narrated by women on the authority of the

Messenger PBUH, and have the same authenticity as those narrated by men. No one has rejected a woman's narration because she is a female. Moreover, narrations concerning religious issues are more important than the testimony made in a trial. Ash-Shawkany said, 'There is no precedent for a scholar to reject a woman's narration just because she was a female. There are many narrations from women about the Prophet PBUH which cannot be denied by any scholar. Ibn Al-Qayyim said, 'The Prophet PBUH never rejected any statement from a reliable person, whether in narration or as a testimony, but he accepted the witness of a just person in all matters that were witnessed. He also accepted the testimony of a single slave woman regarding nursing.'

Misconception:

The source of this misconception is the verse: 'And bring to witness two witnesses from among your men. And if there are not two men (available), then a man and two women from those whom you accept as witnesses – so that if one of the women errs, then the other can remind her. (Al-Baqarah, 2:282) Critics confuse the term Shahadah (testimony) and Ishhad (Affidavit). This verse is dealing with Ishhad (affidavit). With Shahadah (testimony), the judge needs confirmation from a witness and this does not depend on sex, but only on the judge's assurance of the truthfulness of the testimony, regardless of sex and the number of witnesses.

Once the judge is assured of the validity of the evidence, he approves the testimony of two men, two women, a man and a woman, a man and two women, a woman and two men, or a single man or a single woman. The sex of the witnesses, according to which the judge passes his ruling, has no effect on his decision.

The verse refers to the Ishhad (Affidavit) which means that the debtor uses this to confirm his debt. It does not refer to the type

of testimony in which the judge rules between litigants. This verse addresses the debtor, not the judges. Moreover, it does not refer to all debtors, but it gives guidance and advice to a certain type of debtor in special cases where the debts have particular circumstances that are stipulated by the verse. These debts must be for an appointed term which is written down by a scribe who is known to be honest. Among the jurists who perceived this difference and explained it in detail are Ibn Taimiyyah (661-728 A.H./1263-1328 C.E), his student, Ibn Al-Qayyim (d. 751 AH), and two recent scholars, Sheikh Muhammad ‘Abdu (1265-1323 A.H-1865-1905 C.E.) and Sheikh Mahmud Shaltut (1310- 1383 A.H /1893-1963 C.E.).

Ibn Taimiyyah and Ibn Al-Qayyim said the following about the evidence (al-bayyinah) upon which the judge decides and whose juristic and legal basis was deducted from the saying of Allah’s Messenger PBUH, ‘Evidence must be presented by the one making the allegation and the defendant has to make an oath. (Al-Bukhari) Evidence (al-bayyinah) in jurisprudence refers to all things that reveal the truth. It can be accomplished by four witnesses or in some cases by three witnesses [as in the case of proving insolvency], or two witnesses, or even a single witness, including a single woman. Evidence can be revealed by abstaining from making the oath, or fifty oaths or four oaths, which can be revealed by the current condition. Thus, the Prophet’s PBUH statement, ‘Evidence (al-Bayyinah) has to be presented by the one who makes the allegation’ means that the claimant must present that which proves his claim. Once his truthfulness is proven, by whichever means, the judge decides in his favour. Thus, the criteria for evidence (al-bayyinah) can be achieved by the testimony of one or more men. It can also be achieved by the testimony of one or more women, depending on the specific type of testimony that the judge requires to issue a decision.

Ibn Al-Qayyim commented by saying, ‘The Qur’an does not state that a judgment must be passed by only two male witnesses, or one man and two women. God stipulates that two witnesses are to be brought by those who have (financial) rights in order to secure their (financial) rights with the number of witnesses. However, He does not order judges to pass their rulings according to it. Therefore, the judge can pass judgment in the event that someone refuses to give a testimony, or refuses to take an oath. Also, the judge could use the testimony of one woman, or of women without the presence of men. In these cases, the judge would further investigate the case in regards to the reputation, age, and number of those providing their testimony.

Ibn Taimiyyah justified the wisdom of making the testimony of two women equal to that of one man in financial issues, by arguing that women did not usually deal with these types of financial transactions in their social context. However, if a woman gained experience and fully understood these matters, then her testimony would be regarded as equivalent to that of a man. He said, ‘There is no doubt that the purpose of plurality is experience with finance. However, if a woman acquires such experience and her truthfulness is recognized, then the evidence (al-bayyanah) can be proven by her testimony and it is accepted in religious issues. Therefore, her sole testimony is accepted in certain situations. The testimony of two women and the oath of the claimant are accepted according to Imam Malik and a narration of Imam Ahmad.

The same view was mentioned by Muhammad ‘Abdu who justified the reason for the distinction between the number of men and women in the verse. He clarified that within the social context of the time, women typically did not attend meetings related to financial transactions or business, and so, they did not acquire considerable experience in that field. Historically, this social context is subject to development and change and does

not generalize the inherent nature of women throughout the ages.

He then said that the interpreters of the Qur'an discussed this matter and attributed it to the mood, and said: 'The reason for this is that women did not participate in financial dealings like men; not due to their nature of forgetfulness, but rather that they did not have experience in dealing with commutative contracts. The memory of a woman is not inherently weak but was considered to be related to her daily experience, and may have been regarded as stronger than a man's memory in certain domestic matters with which she typically has more expertise. This is human nature, that the memory of both males and females is weak in areas that are outside their expertise or regular routine.

Sheikh Mahmud Shaltut agreed with the independent reasoning of Ibn Taimiyyah, Ibn Al-Qayyim and Muhammad 'Abdu. He said that when a woman's testimony in the issue of Li'an is equal to that of a man, it vindicates her capabilities and contradicts what the critics allege. He mentioned that the following verse, 'And if there are not two men (available), then a man and two women. (Al-Baqarah, 2:282) does not refer to the testimony which a judge uses to pass judgment, but rather stands as guidance (irshad) to the ways whereby dealers can be assured of their rights at the time their transactions are made. This does not mean that the truth cannot be proven by the testimony of one woman, or by the testimony of women without men, or that a judge cannot pass judgment accordingly. What the judge needs is evidence (Al-bayyinah).

Ibn Al-Qayyim stated that Al-bayyinah, according to the Shari'ah, is more comprehensive than shahadah (testimony). Anything that reveals the truth is al-bayyinah by which a judge can pass judgment. For example, the judge passes judgment

according to conclusive evidence, including the testimony of a non-Muslim if he is assured thereof.

Saying that the testimony of two women is equal to that of one man does not mean that she has a weak mind or is inferior to men. This is because, as Sheikh Muhammad ‘Abdu said: ‘Women typically did not participate in financial dealings or commutative contracts and were considered to be weak in these matters. However, in other things, like domestic matters, their memory was considered to be more reliable than a man’s because this was their area of expertise in most cases. It is natural that a person has a stronger memory in relation to the matters of his/her daily tasks.’

The verse addresses what was typical and familiar to most women at that time and is still the same for most women today who still do not participate in financial transactions as often as men. The participation of some women in these areas is regarded as an exception.

Thus, the misconception about this issue has been refuted and it should be clear that critics are being unfair. Plus, I’d like to say that knowledge is not someone’s personal property, you got to earn it and learn, you can speak without knowledge as well but that speech is called trash talk, you lose respect among people and nothing more. But when you speak with proper knowledge, every word of yours carries weight and you earn respect with every uttered word. I feel really sorry for Harris, his mental state is highly immature and he really needs some urgent help to bring his mental capacity to a reasonable level. He’s a person who himself admits he’s a beyghairat, what can I say more.

But I won’t use such words for him, I won’t say this beyghairat says this or this beyghairat says that. I’d only say this patient needs some treatment, his example is like he behaves like a doctor while he’s at the Montessori level yet. And his hate for

women is quite disturbing. He quotes a hadith which defends women when Ayesha r.a said that she would lie in front of the Prophet PBUH and he would pray, when the Prophet PBUH would prostrate he'd slightly move her leg and won't disturb her while she's taking rest. But what Harris said? He said Ayesha r.a disagreed with the Prophet PBUH while she mentioned what the Prophet PBUH did. Even a fool would know that she's clearing a misconception by mentioning the act of the Prophet PBUH but because of Harris's hate he went on to deny it even like he always tries to do whenever there's something supporting women, he comes on to oppose it with his inner hate for women.

Harris says ask Muslims three questions who say Islam is a glorious religion which secures women rights, yes Harris, Islam is glorious religion which secures women rights more than anyone could ever imagine. I have answered his questions already and proved his ignorance, I dedicate those to all the women who needed answers, but I'd like to mention the love for women in Islam. Like Islam secures the right of women, it ensures the love for women as well. Harris asked women are directed to obey, but where's the obedience to women. Well my friend, I mentioned before, no man can reach paradise without obeying a woman.

The Prophet PBUH said: "Paradise is under the feet of your mother"³⁷

No man can ever please God if he disobeys his mother. No man can reach paradise if he displeases his mother. The condition for a man to reach paradise was made to be the obedience of a woman. Can anyone raise the ranks of women more than that?

³⁷ Nisa'I – 3104 - Sahih

Then what about other women in general? Who's the best of the man before God? What did Prophet Muhammad PBUH say, who can be the best man in the world?

The Prophet PBUH said:

"The best of you are those who are best to their women."³⁸

And what about wives?

The Prophet PBUH said:

"The best among you is the best towards his wife"³⁹

Can this religion ever encourage the beating of wives when it has made the parameter of goodness to be goodness to wives. Upon this, the Prophet PBUH forbade women to marry such men who beat their wives.

The Prophet PBUH said:

"Do not marry that person for he beats women"⁴⁰

The Prophet PBUH himself never hit a woman, cared for women and forbade them to marry such individuals who hit women. Made it obligatory to love, respect and care for women, in fact made it a condition to reach paradise. Can anyone imagine more love for women ever? Can any atheist who commit every kind of violence against women would accept all this? because it'll make him stop doing all that, it'll make him fulfill the rights of women which he doesn't even care about. Naturally they will run away from this and won't ever like to be dutiful to women.

When Harris says Muslim men do good to their women is because they're bad Muslims, he says completely the opposite of reality. Muslim men who do good to their women are the best of the

³⁸ Tirmidhi – 1162 - Sahih

³⁹ Ibn Majah and Ibn Hibban 4167 - Sahih

⁴⁰ Sahih Muslim - 841

Muslims because they know the teachings of Islam and they follow it, so they become good Muslims by doing it. The one's who do bad are obviously bad Muslims because they're going against the Islamic teachings. The world just need more practicing good Muslims and it'll become a better place to live in.

The Merciful God:

Harris brings one of the most foolish logics one could ever present by saying that if someone denies God and his commandments why would God punish such a person. Can it ever get more illogical than that? What Harris actually want is that there should be absolutely no laws in the world, God should work according to my wishes, God should allow me to deny Him and even then shouldn't punish me, He should allow me to become like an animal and while He's my creator and I'm the creation still He should follow whatever I say and I wouldn't follow a single thing which He says. If you found it senseless then congratulations you understand it correctly.

Now coming to the point that how merciful God is to mankind. God says in a sacred hadith:

“When Allah decreed the Creation He pledged Himself by writing in His book which is laid down with Him: My mercy prevails over my wrath.”⁴¹

In the Quran Allah said:

“My Mercy embraces all things.”⁴²

Also, the attributive names of Allah are “Al Rahman” The Most Gracious All Merciful, “Al Rahim” The Most Merciful, “Al Ghaffar” The Most Forgiving” tells us about His all merciful attributes with His creation.

⁴¹ Al Bukhari, Riyadh us Saliheen - 419

⁴² Al Quran – 7:156

As it is mentioned in an another hadith:

“Verily, on the day Allah created the heavens and earth, He created one hundred parts of mercy. Each part can fill what is between the heaven and earth. He made one part of mercy for the earth, from it a mother has compassion for her child, animals and birds have compassion for each other. On the Day of Resurrection, he will perfect this mercy.”⁴³

So, all these proofs tell us that Harris is telling the wrong story about God. He will forgive people so much so that it is mentioned:

“Allah will order those who have had faith equal to the weight of a grain of mustard seed to be taken out from Hell.”⁴⁴

A God which is this much merciful to its creation deserves to be obeyed, and anyone who misrepresents God must be condemned. Even then, saying that God shouldn't punish me even if I deny Him and His commandments is foolish. It is like saying the country shouldn't punish me if I commit a murder or rape, of course if you'll commit a crime you will be punished. This is called discipline, law and order. The God who has given laws for this world wouldn't make any for the hereafter? Take a good nap Harris, you need it badly.

The Ever Forgiving God:

Like I mentioned before, God is the most forgiving and most merciful towards its creation, you just have to acknowledge and accept this fact and you'll always find Him there for you. The problem is in denying it, imagine you deny the mercy and forgiveness of God and still complain that He's not that. This is exactly what the people of the previous times did and this is what

⁴³ Sahih Muslim - 2753

⁴⁴ Sahih Bukhari - 22

Harris and the likes of him are doing. God made this world with a system, everything is following that very system, the sun the moon, stars and everything in the cosmos is following the system God made for them. But God gave human beings the free will with knowledge so that they do whatever they like but just don't deny Him or His messengers. This is a very minimal thing God asks from you in return for the whole universe He made for you and you're not even ready to give Him this obedience. He gives you food, drink and a GIT system to digest it. He gives you air to breathe and lungs to regulate that air, He gives you clothes to wear so that you don't get burnt in hot weather and doesn't get frost over you in winters, even then you behave like ungrateful slave! It can't worse than that. So, in the that situation, when God has given a law and order system to people of the world, wouldn't He have that system with Him when He's the most Just "Al Adl" Himself. Quiet naturally it happens that anyone who breaches the law gets punished everywhere, if Harris is unable to get this situation, he needs to get the heaps of hatred out him first then may he understand this simple equation.

On the other hand, God will not do injustice for even a bit so Harris doesn't need to worry about it. It is just his problem sometimes he says God hates sex whereas He just disciplines it, and then he says God is vengeful and genocidal whereas God is the most just and He'll serve absolute justice to everyone. There's not a single statement or proof stating that God is unjust, whereas to just talk about the level of His mercy, let me quote you a hadith:

"Allah descends every night to the lowest heaven when one-third of the first part of the night is over and says: I am the Lord; I am the Lord: who is there to supplicate Me so that I answer him? Who is there to beg of Me so that I grant him? Who is there to

beg forgiveness from Me so that I forgive him? He continues like this till the day breaks.”⁴⁵

So, the problem is just in denying the mercy of God and not acknowledging it primarily. When God openly offers forgiveness to everyone, it's the problem of the one who doesn't take it and not a deficiency in God's mercy. Like if you utterly need some money and someone is offering you that as well but you don't take it and still keep on complaining that you're in dire state struggling for money, what name would you give yourself apart from being a fool then? The dilemma doesn't stop here, not taking it foolishly himself, Harris goes on to stop people from taking it too and leading them to hell. We say it in Urdu “Hum to doobay hain sanam tumhe bhi le doobain ge” – I'm drowning myself but I won't go alone take you down with me as well. God talks about the people who'd reach hell in the Quran, the reason for their visit to hell is very interesting:

“And we used to speak falsehood with vain speakers”⁴⁶

Meaning they'd say we used to speak about what we had no knowledge of. It means every time someone went astray we would go astray with them. And this situation is very relatable as well. Many people speaking of God when they have no knowledge about Him. That's why God has foretold us that don't follow the conjunctures of these people, on the last day they'll disown you and you'd be left alone by them when they had no knowledge of Me or My commandments and they made you follow the same as well.

Harris tries to act like a Sheikh:

Coming to the last part of this chapter. Harris tries to act like a scholar or a sheikh many times by trying to interpret the Quran

⁴⁵ Sahih Muslim - 758

⁴⁶ Al Quran – 74:45

or Ahadit himself. But it doesn't stop here, he even tries to showcase himself as a scholar of comparative religion when he says the Quran has copied the incident of Prophet Lot PBUH from the bible. Just to give an account for it this is how the bible talks about Prophet Lot PBUH and his daughters:

“Lot's daughters got their father drunk,
and over two consecutive nights had sex with him”⁴⁷

In Islam it is considered an absolute disrespect of a Prophet of God to associate these kind of things to him and nothing like that is mentioned in the Quran which clearly tells it's not copied. I'd say Harris needs to grow up and come out of the world of google. I'm 100% sure he didn't read the passages from either Quran or the bible he just googled it and wrote them down without knowing there's huge difference between how the two books describes the incident. Moreover, he goes on to lie again by saying Prophet Lot PBUH presented his daughters for rape whereas he offered their hand in marriage to the sodomites which they refused.

Secondly, Harris writes a funniest thing. When the Quran talks about the punishments sent down to the previous people, Harris comments that there were no volcanos or stuff like that at those places which would've caused destruction. Oh harry boy! Where did any verse of the Quran says it was a volcano which erupted to give those people the punishment? The Quran categorically says the punishment was “specially” sent down towards the people and God doesn't even need the physical things to help Him out let alone the pre-existing possible initiators of the punishment, it's pretty clear that the situation was new so the torment came new and went after doing its work.

⁴⁷ Genesis 19:30–38

And no, God don't come Himself to guide people and send His messengers to people, He keeps a continuous check on people as everything is recorded in a book of deeds as the Quran mentions it, but He doesn't force people to accept anything and only shows them the right way. That's why there's a system of reward and punishment, if God had forced people to accept things then there wouldn't have been a reward in believing Him and a punishment in rejected Him, and this exactly is the purpose of creation Harris fails to understand again and again. There was no need for the world if that was a forced show, but it makes all the sense when you're given a choice and the choice you opt for is the real test and purpose of life.

Is it magic wand which created the World?

When it is said that the person has lost his senses he talks nonsense. I won't comment anything like that on Harris and leave it to the people to decide it. But I'll surely urge people to have a look what he says makes sense or not. Whenever Harris talks about God's creation he says it was created through a magic wand. While no religious text says so neither do any scholar of Islam claims so. It is the attribute of Allah "Al Khaliq" meaning The Creator, which tells that He creates everything with His "Qudrat" meaning the power which encompasses all things. God prohibits magic Himself and calling His Qudrat to be like a magic is nothing but ignorance. It is like saying a car is created by a magic wand where it was made by the manufacturing company manually and with the help of machines/robots as well. What would you call such a person saying the car is created by a magic wand? Sensible? Surely not. Insensible it is.

Simply Nonsense:

While Harris again fails to provide a reasonable logic to discuss a child rape incident and blaming God for it, he also tries to trick people by using the word "free will" and not been able to speak

anything against it logically. He tries to satisfy his inner self that I have used the word “free will” so it should be considered that I refuted it, but the bloke forgot you need to provide something in support of what you say, taking names won’t suffice. All the theists and specially Muslims are unanimous on the creed of free will and the biggest example of it is there are more non-Muslims in the world than Muslims, so God is not forcing people to become Muslims because He has given them free will. God has given people the responsibility to fix themselves and their societies and to perform their duties which God has laid down on them. Of course God come Himself to perform those duties for people, while if He sometimes wakes up people out of negligence by doing something then He has the perfect authority to do so. It also proves that He’s not a deistic God but overall it tells He has made the judgement day to decide between people and He won’t force people on their free wills yet He gives some jolts to make people come on the right path again from the paths of ignorance. It just proves His mercy that He’s still aiding people to make them realize and understand about the right path despite of giving them the free will. It simply tells you can’t blame God for your deeds and talk nonsense at His name.

Some other Problems with Atheists:

Always Complaining:

You’ll find atheists complaining like why God created day and night why it’s not simply a day or a night, why there are only 8 planets in our solar system, why there are hairs on our head, why there’s a moon, why a sun, why didn’t God create two suns why we can we run we should only walk, why there are black and white people there should only be brown. Yes, all of their talks are as nonsense as these. Here, Harris says why God created diseases? Dude to make you understand what’s health! As darkness is only the absence of light, you won’t realize the blessing of heath unless you get ill. Plus, He’s the all merciful

God, He forgives sins by making you fall ill⁴⁸, it is His ways to make you return and repent to Him, more people invoke God when they get ill than they're healthy, it is in the nature of man to invoke the almighty in distress. And yes, God hasn't made humans infallible neither do He asks us to be, He just asks us to acknowledge Him and give our best and honest try to follow His commandments. If we fall short, He is "Al Tawwab" The acceptor of Repentance, so you can easily ask for His pardon and He'd forgive, as I said it just about acknowledging it with sincerity.

God created difficulties including diseases to make us understand the easiness of life we're all blessed with and still take it for granted until we're afflicted with difficulties. I'm a physician myself and I can tell people get spiritually healed a lot faster than physical treatments. But still this the Sunnah of our Prophet PBUH to avail physical treatments so we do it as well. He'd use the cupping therapy which science also acknowledges this day and that of course is a physical treatment, so the Sunnah of our Prophet is Islam, not the conjectures of Harris. The Prophet PBUH said:

"Tie your camel first, and then put your trust in Allah."⁴⁹

So, it tells us we have to take our precautionary and safety measures first and then leave every outcome to Allah. This beautiful trust in Islam is called as "Tawakkul".

What's more astonishing is that Harris himself was a Muslim and still lies about Islam that God asks you to worship him 24/7 while He asks you to pray just 5 times a day which takes less than an hour.

⁴⁸ Bukhari and Muslim

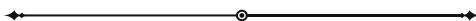
⁴⁹ Tirmidhi: 2517 - Sahih

God have given evidences of His creation everywhere around you, if you close your eyes at it it's not His fault. If believe a computer to be made by a creator but not the universe, this is again your hatred. He sent His revelation to the best of the men Prophet Muhammad PBUH, even his enemies would call him the "The all honest" and "The most Trustworthy". Who is Harris today to stand up an ignorant finger on him? And yes, Arabic is the most diverse language, the Arabs were known as the people of the tongue and other people were known as dumb people because of the diversity of the Arabic language. To understand the meanings of the Quran you just need to learn it from whom it was revealed i.e. the Prophet himself and that's what's mentioned in his hadiths.

The Quran solves the problems till eternity now so a new message is not required. Yes, ijtihaad can be done based on particular issues of an era but the message is complete now.

You just need to learn! And stop being ignorant!

CHAPTER SIX



Character of the Mercy to Mankind

Prophet Muhammad PBUH said:

“Love for others what you love for yourself”⁵⁰

“Don’t harm anyone with your tongue or hands”⁵¹

“The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character.”⁵²

Sheikh ul Quran wal Hadith Al Hafiz Allama Molana Hazrat Harris Sultan will now tell the Muslims about the character of their Prophet! It is like saying I will tell Einstein about physics he’s ignorant about it!

The Merciful:

Before I describe the merciful messenger of Islam I’d surely love to address the allegations raised by Harris on the Prophet Muhammad PBUH. Harris mentioned the story of an old woman who used to throw garbage on the Prophet PBUH and said it’s inauthentic and rightly so. But here we get a guideline of Harris’s approach that if something inauthentic is presented before a people, they should feel shocked, insulted, cheated, lied to and violated which is absolutely right as well. I’d urge the

⁵⁰ Sahih Bukhari: 13

⁵¹ Sahih Bukhari: 10

⁵² Sahih Bukhari: 3559

readers to keep that in mind and see what Harris has done to you!

Harris calls the poets to be the first political victims of the Prophet PBUH about which he quotes some examples. Firstly, let me give an account of the situation of the Arab community at that time. Poets of course held the highest rank in the intellectual society back then. But even out of those there were specifically seven poets who had the highest rank among all the Arab poets and they were collectively called as “Saba Mu’allaqat” meaning the seven suspended or hanged ones. Their poems used to be hanged to the wall of the Kaaba as a sign of ultimate respect of their poetry. And out of all those seven, none of them were Muslims.

If there was to be a potential opponent or threat to Prophet Muhammad PBUH at that time, they were these seven poets. But what happened? Did the Prophet do anything to them? Did he ever try to harm them? Absolutely not. So, firstly the narrative of Harris dies its own death that Prophet Muhammad PBUH’s political victims were poets.

Secondly, so what about the incidents Harris talked about? Before I show you his dishonesty in narrating those, let me again repeat that if Prophet Muhammad PBUH was to execute his “poet opponents” he’d have done it for the highest ranked ones not the lower ranked casual poets who didn’t have much recognition in the society, it’d brought him no ‘Political good’ by doing such an act. Why’d he ever like to bring his status down when the highest ranked poets, which could’ve been a concern couldn’t answer him ever!

Now coming to Al Nadr bin Al Harith whom Harris talked about. He said that Al Nadr claimed he could write better than the Prophet, but he never did so. His claim would’ve carried some weight if he’d have done some work and then claimed but

it never happened. This reminds me of Harris himself who claim many things but never proves them. Similarly, Al Nadr wanted to catch the eyes by saying he could write better but never did so and the Quranic challenge still stands out for 14 centuries as the Quran openly challenges:

“And if you are in doubt about what We have revealed (the Quran) to Our worshiper (Muhammad PBUH) then produce a chapter like it, and call your witnesses (supporters and helpers) besides God if you are truthful.”⁵³

So, it was not for Al Nadr but the Quran challenges that itself. No one out of the greatest intellectuals of any era could answer this challenge let alone Al Nadr. But the point Harris raised is completely based on dishonesty. He has tried to portray the incidents of wars as “victimization” whereas the war incidents are purely the cases of one on one duets or battles of two sides where killings take place. So, what happened at the battle of Badr? Did Prophet Muhammad PBUH went and attacked or the non-believers came to attack him including Al Nadr and Uqba bin Abu Muayt? That’s exactly is the dishonesty of Harris when he proclaims the defensive act of the Prophet PBUH to be the aggressive victimization as if he went to target those irrelevant people. When Al Nadr and Uqba came to attack the Muslims and kill them including the Prophet himself, they were on attack to begin with not the Muslims. What could Prophet Muhammad PBUH have said to his companions in this condition? Let them come and kill you?

If Prophet Muhammad PBUH was to ‘victimize’ his opponents and ordered their killings, he’d have started that from the people who mattered, were basically relevant and were the biggest opponents of his religion, but he didn’t do so even when he had all the power. I will describe the Islamic stance on such incidents

⁵³ Al Quran – 2:23

but first let me give you a quote of Harris show you how big a liar is he. Harris said “The murder of Al Nadr started a chain of events where Muhammad (PBUH) systematically shut down ALL his opposition and critics through violence”

Firstly, by quoting a war incidence Harris misinterprets the situation again. The people who came to fight you in war are not your “victims” at all. Secondly, it didn’t stop here. He fabricates the biggest lie of his book to say the Prophet PBUH shut down all his opponents through violence. I personally haven’t heard a bigger lie than that in my life ever. Let’s see how it is!

Some of the Acts of Kindness of the Prophet PBUH:

The Prophet PBUH spent his whole life doing these acts of kindness every day. We don’t need fabricated stories tell about the kindness of our noble Prophet PBUH as his authentic life incidents are enough as a proof of his mercy. I will mention only a few here for my readers to show who really the mercy to mankind Prophet Muhammad PBUH was! I’d only ask the readers while reading this that keep asking yourself while you read this that why didn’t Harris mention all this? If he can use google to search for evil, why can’t he use that to search for the truth as well? And this will surely tell you about the intentions and agenda of his!

Sumamah bin Uthal:

Sumamah bin Uthal was an enemy of Islam and Prophet of Islam. He went off from his tribe with the intention to kill Prophet Muhammad PBUH. When he couldn’t do so he killed some of the companions of the Prophet PBUH. Eventually, Sumamah was caught and brought to Masjid un Nabawi before the Messenger of God, the messenger of God who now had the perfect opportunity to do anything with him, also knowing the fact that he had all the right to do so as well because he killed his companions, the Prophet

PBUH offered him hospitality and presented the same food he ate. Not only that, the Prophet PBUH, who was ruling the city as the head of the state, forgave Sumamah and set him free. Upon witnessing this extreme act of kindness of the Prophet PBUH, Sumamah came back and embraced Islam.⁵⁴

I ask Harris, who said he fell in love with Prophet Muhammad PBUH upon listening the story of elderly woman throwing garbage over the Prophet but he forgave her, that was only some trash, but why doesn't this act of extreme kindness made Harris fell in love with the Prophet PBUH? The kind of act no one has ever witnessed in the history, which even made the enemy of the Prophet PBUH fell in love with him and he eventually embraced Islam, if the immediate enemy of his who came to kill him can do that, why can't Harris do it as well?

Suraqah bin Malik:

Another person, Suraqah bin Malik, who came to kill the Prophet PBUH for money. While he was about to approach the Prophet PBUH and the Prophet knew he had come with the evil intentions to kill him, he forgave him. Suraqah again tried to come closer to the Prophet PBUH for killing him but he couldn't do it and it happened for three times and the Prophet PBUH forgave him thrice. Upon this, Suraqah became a Muslim by witnessing such an act of kindness, that a person who had come to kill someone he still forgave him and let him go.⁵⁵

How many acts of kindness of the Prophet PBUH would Harris deny? They were a part of the Prophet's daily routine. Why did Harris overlook all those? Why didn't he mention these acts? Why he closed his eyes at these? Only one logical answer can be given, hatred and ignorance of Harris lead him to this!

⁵⁴ Sahih Bukhari: 4372

⁵⁵ Sahih Bukhari 3906

Wahshi bin Harb:

Wahshi was the person who killed the Prophet's uncle Hamza whom the Prophet utterly loved. But a time came when Wahshi was presented before the Prophet PBUH, what did the Prophet do then? He surely had killed him right? He had the right to kill him too because he was his uncle's murderer. But the Prophet forgave him!⁵⁶

I can certainly assure that, no act of kindness can ever beat this! Why doesn't it shake Harris? Why doesn't it open his eyes? Why can't he see all this? Any reasonable person can tell that it is but his hatred and ignorance!

The People of Taif:

The Prophet PBUH set off on a journey to the city of Taif to invite people to Islam. But when reached there the people physically assaulted him by throwing stones at him which made him severely injured. But what did the Prophet PBUH do? He prayed for them rather than cursing them!

But it didn't stop here, when the Prophet PBUH came in power he had all the opportunity to completely wipe out the people of Taif and take his revenge which would've been justified as well, but he forgave them! He forgave them all and as a result of this act of the Prophet's kindness, the whole city including the emperors of Taif embraced Islam.⁵⁷

The Whole City of Makkah:

The Prophet PBUH was forced to leave his city of birth and migrate to medina. But soon after there came a time when Allah gave the Prophet PBUH power and dominance over all the Arabs and he came back to his city of mecca to conquer it. At

⁵⁶ Sahih Bukhari (Al Maghazi)

⁵⁷ Sahih Bukhari (Complete Story)

that time, he had the perfect opportunity to take revenge of all the persecutions he suffered for 13 years in mecca. He could easily have ordered mass killings and no one would've stopped him. But what did he do? He forgave the whole city of mecca! He gave them refuge, didn't take revenge, even announced the home of the worst enemy of Islam then Abu Sufyan to be the place of peace and refuge for people.⁵⁸

Anything like this act of kindness has never been witnessed, heard or even thought of. The Prophet PBUH forgave the people who harmed him. This proves one more most important thing that whatever Harris claimed about the Prophet PBUH is not true. If he was to take revenge and kill his opponents he had golden opportunities to do so in all the cases mentioned above but he didn't do it! It tells us he didn't kill his biggest enemies and forgave them, he was what I mentioned in the beginning of this chapter "A mercy to mankind". Unless for a situation of war he'd avoid and condemn the killing of people, even in war he said:

"Do not kill women or children or an aged, infirm person. Do not cut down trees, do not destroy inhabited place. Do not kill animals except for eating"⁵⁹

The Prophet PBUH who's not even allowing to cut trees and that too in the war where it's a life and death situation, how could he ever order violence against people. It is said in the Quran:

"Whoever saves a life, it shall be as though he had saved the lives of all mankind"⁶⁰

⁵⁸ Sahih Muslim: 4395

⁵⁹ Al Muwatta: 21/10,971

⁶⁰ Al Quran 5:32

So, in a religion where killing a person unjustly is like killing whole of humanity and saving the life of a person is like saving the lives of whole of humanity, there certainly can't be any violence committed against a human being.

But this leaves us with a question, why didn't Harris mention all those things which I've mentioned? The things I mentioned are the acts of violence or acts of extreme kindness and mercy? You can't even argue and surely can't disagree that they're the best things that can be done to humanity! Why didn't Harris endorse these things and appreciated them then? When these things are utterly required to be implemented in today's world, why didn't Harris spread this and asked people to follow Islam? Doesn't that prove the mal-intentions of Harris against the religion of Islam because of his hatred? He has cherry picked some things completely out of context and labelled them as the "bad" things in religion. While even if I agree for the sake of argument that they were bad, why would he miss all the good things in the religion and don't mention them? He could easily have said that I find so many good things in the religion of Islam but there are some things which I can't understand so I'd like an Islamic scholar to clear me those things and the matter would have been solved easily. But no, he didn't do it because he had the evil intentions. He had the intentions to malign, defame and vomit his hatred on the religion which asks him to discipline himself. Yes, this is his only problem that he doesn't want to be disciplined so he starts to vomit out his hatred against the religion. The readers can easily see people are forgiven mercifully or "Victimized". Misinterpretation is kind of criminal in nature and should be condemned at all levels.

Harris fell in his own Pit:

Now coming to the crucial explanation of some of the situations Harris mentioned. Keep reminding yourself with the words

Harris mentioned for a false story and a lie, “shocked, insulted, cheated, lied to and violated” and now let me get on with the explanation.

As I mentioned before the Prophet PBUH was sent as the mercy to the worlds. Allah says in the Quran:

“And We have sent you (O Muhammad PBUH) not but as a mercy for the Alameen (mankind, jinns and all that exists)”⁶¹

The whole life of Prophet Muhammad PBUH was a proof of it. He never took revenge from the people who harmed him. The noble wife of the Prophet PBUH, Ayesha r.a said:

“The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) never took revenge for his own sake, unless one of the sacred limits of Allah had been transgressed, then he would take revenge for the sake of Allah.”⁶²

Even so he forgave the Jewish woman who poisoned him:

“The Jewish woman brought the Prophet PBUH some poisoned mutton and he ate some of it. Then she was brought to him and it was said: Will you give us permission to execute her? He said: No.”⁶³

Harris won't mention these things because he'd have an epileptic attack if does so. On the contrary, what did he do? He came up with a false and fabricated story of Asma bint Marwan.

The report about the slaying of Asma bint Marwan that is propagated by these liars, it is a fabricated report. It was narrated by al-Qadaa'i in Musnad ash-Shihaab (856), al-Khateeb in at-Tareekh (13/99), Ibn 'Asaakir in his Tareekh (51/244), and Ibn 'Umar al-Harbi in his Fawaa'id (50), all via Muhammad ibn al-

⁶¹ Al Quran – 21:107

⁶² Bukhari 6126, Muslim 2327

⁶³ Bukhari 2617, Muslim 5834

Hajjaaj al-Lakhami Abu Ibraaheem al-Waasiti from Mujaalid ibn Sa'eed from ash-Sha'bi from Ibn 'Abbaas, who said:

A woman from Banu Khatamah wrote poetry lampooning the Prophet PBUH, and news of that reached the Prophet PBUH and upset him. He said: "Who will deal with her for me?" A man from among her people said: I will, O Messenger of Allah! She was a seller of dates, so he went to her and said to her: Do you have any dates? She said: Yes. So she showed him some dates, and he said: I want something better than this. So she went inside to show him and he followed her and looked right and left, but he did not see anything except a small table, and he kept hitting her head with it until he killed her. Then he went to the Prophet PBUH and said: O Messenger of Allah, I have taken care of her for you. The Prophet PBUH said: "The validity of what you have done is something that no one could dispute."

This woman was Asma bint Marwan.

This is an invalid isnaad and a fabricated report that was narrated by Muhammad ibn al-Hajjaaj of whom al-Bukhari said: His hadeeth is to be rejected. Ibn Ma'een said: (He is) an evil liar. Ad-Daaraqutni said: (He is) a liar, and on one occasion he said: He is not trustworthy.

Mizaan al-I'tidaal, 3/509 Ibn 'Adiyy said: Muhammad ibn al-Hajjaaj fabricated the hadeeth about the woman who used to lampoon the Messenger of Allah PBUH, according to which when she was killed he (allegedly) said: "The validity of what you have done is something that no one could dispute."

End quote from al-Mawdoo'at by Ibn al-Jawzi 3/18 This hadeeth was also mentioned by Shaykh al-Albani in ad-Da'eefah (6013), he said it is fabricated (mawdoo').

It was narrated by al-Waqidi in al-Maghazi (p. 173) and via him by al-Qadaa'i (858): 'Abdullah ibn al-Harith told me, from his

father, that Asma bint Marwan, from Banu Umayyah ibn Zayd, was married to Yazeed ibn Zayd ibn Hisn al-Khatmi. She used to revile the Prophet PBUH, criticize Islam and incite people against the Prophet PBUH. When news of what she said and her incitement of the people reached ‘Umayr ibn ‘Adiyy ibn Kharashah ibn Umayyah al-Khatmi, he said: O Allah, I make a vow to You that I shall kill her if You grant a safe return to Madinah to the Messenger of Allah PBUH – as the Messenger of Allah PBUH was in Badr at that time. When the Messenger of Allah PBUH came back from Badr, ‘Umayr ibn ‘Adiyy came to her in the middle of the night and entered upon her in her house when she had a group of her children sleeping around her, including an infant who was still being breastfed. He reached out to touch her and found the infant whom she was breastfeeding. He pushed the child aside then he plunged his sword into her chest until it came out of her back. Then he went out and prayed Fajr with the Prophet PBUH in Madinah. When the Prophet PBUH finished praying, he looked at ‘Umayr and said: Did you kill the daughter of Marwan? He said: Yes, may my father be sacrificed for you, O Messenger of Allah.

‘Umayr was afraid that the Prophet PBUH would not approve of his killing her, so he said: Is there any sin on me for that, O Messenger of Allah? He said: “The validity of what you have done is something that no one could dispute.” And this is the first time I heard this phrase from the Prophet PBUH. Umayr said: The Prophet PBUH turned to those who were around him and said: “If you want to see a man who supported Allah and His Messenger, then look at Ubayr ibn Adiyy.

This is a worthless isnad. Imam Ahmad said concerning al-Waqidi – whose name was Muhammad ibn ‘Umar ibn Waqid: He is a liar, he alters hadeeths. Ibn Ma‘een said: He is not trustworthy. On one occasion he said: His hadeeth is not to be written down. Al-Bukhari and Abu Haatim said: He is matrook

(rejected). Abu Haatim and an-Nasaa'i said: He fabricates hadeeth. Ibn 'Adiyy said: His hadeeths are odd and problematic. Ibn al-Madeeni said: al-Waqidi fabricates hadeeth.

Mizaan al-I'tidaal, 3/663

An-Nasaa'i said: The liars who are known for fabricating hadeeth are four: Ibraaheem ibn Abi Yahya in Madinah, al-Waqidi in Baghdad, Muqatil in Khorasan and Muhammad ibn Sa'eed in Syria.

Tahdheeb at-Tahdheeb, 9/163.

So, to summarize, this an absolutely fabricated story on which Harris made his case and banked his arguments on. So, let me recall you the situation again, Harris's only correct stance in the book regarding authenticity of arguments and the one spreading, mentioning or propagating false and fabricated stories should show these reactions in the words of Harris himself, "shocked, insulted, cheated, lied to and violated". So, all the readers of Harris should feel "shocked, insulted, cheated, lied to and violated" on this lies. He's been comprehensively proved as a liar and all his readers are "shocked, insulted, cheated, lied to and violated". I specially feel for Harris's family now whom he called and told about the story of Asma bint Marwan and tried to mislead them, after reading all this they should call back Harris and say to him, 'Harris your lies left us "shocked, insulted, cheated, lied to and violated"!'.

Final jolt to Harris on this Issue:

So now finally, I'm going to narrate how the Prophet PBUH really used to react and disrespectful remarks on him. Yes, Islam is a religion which endorses discipline and encourages healthy intellectual activities. But if someone can't compete intellectually and start to abuse, then there's a line in each discipline which shouldn't be crossed and Islam also doesn't

allow that line of respect to be crossed. Now, on how the Prophet PBUH would react on it? let me quote a narration:

Incident of Hassan bin Thabit r.a:

When someone would mention the Prophet PBUH in a satirical manner, he'd ask his someone out of his companions to answer it in a literary way. For that purpose, Hassan bin Thabit r.a was asked on one occasion to answer it and God's help will come to support him through angel Gabriel. Like it's mentioned:

“Abu Huraira r.a said: I adjure you by Allah (to tell) if you had not heard Allah's Messenger PBUH as saying: (Hassan), give a reply on my behalf, Allah will help him with Ruh-ul-Qudus (Gabriel) He (Abu Huraira) said: By Allah, it is so (i.e. the Prophet actually said these words).”⁶⁴

Hassan bin Thabit r.a was an Ansari companion meaning he was from medina and the incident took place in medina where the Prophet PBUH was reigning in power. So, it was very easy for him to order the killing of such a person but he didn't do so even then because he wasn't such a person who'd take revenge for his sake like Harris tried to portray, but he was the mercy to humanity which he proved time and again. This gives the final jolt to Harris's narrative to try and bring a bad name to the noblest personality ever lived. It just brought a shame to his face by quoting inauthentic things and boasting about them and even building his whole narrative on what's not authentic. He filled up those pages on a thing never existed! Wasted!

Raising the Ranks of Women Like Never Before:

So, after the previously failed vomits of Harris, he finds his way to an even bigger failure by trying to use the women card. Women are the queens of Islam who have been given the kind

⁶⁴ Sahih Muslim: 6071

of status which they had never before and would never have more than that ever anywhere else. It all started with the treatment of the noble Prophet PBUH with women which is by far an ideal example for all the men to follow. I'll show this how in the pages to come, but first I'd check what Harris said about it and how he's going to be intellectually dishonest this time like always.

Points:

We have already seen how the noble Prophet PBUH got the power through peace and tolerance. He exhibited that the most with the women in his life. He loved women and asked us to love them and neglect their shortcomings. He even said, if you don't like them even then you should be nice to them, it is that maybe you don't like a thing in them but you may like other qualities in them so don't ever hate them. So, now let us see what Harris says about such a noble person.

First Lady

Khadija The Great:

Khadija r.a has been given the title of "Khadija tul Kubra" meaning Khadija the Great in Islam. That was due to her qualities as a woman and her services, sincerity to Islam. She is the leader of women in Paradise, first person to embrace Islam and one of the best woman to have ever lived.

So, quite naturally Harris will speak something positive about it. But hey, I'm talking about Harris and I forgot he's use to speak ill of anything and everything. So, what does he says about the Prophet PBUH and his wife Khadija r.a? let us see.

Harris seems to have a problem in men marrying a rich or older women, if yes then all rich and elderly women shouldn't get a spouse, if he doesn't have a problem with that then why did he mention these things and followed them by saying she was

dominant in the relationship. How did Harris know about it? Why did Harris have to say it at first place specially when he can't give a proof of it? Dishonesty and hatred again? Of course yes!

Harris shows his concern on why Prophet Muhammad PBUH loved his wife so much that he didn't marry someone else while she was alive. Ladies and gentlemen, have a look at this man Harris, at one place he has issues with polygamy and on the other hand he's complaining why didn't polygamy happen. Why did he say so? He wanted to score a point by saying Khadija r.a would've divorced the Prophet PBUH if he had married someone else not knowing the fact that women were not even allowed to divorce men in the pre-Islamic era⁶⁵. If I make an honest score line here, it's Omer 1 Harris 0.

More importantly, when Harris didn't find an issue to be highlighted, he came up with his own story to fill up some lines but failed miserably. The Prophet PBUH loved Khadija r.a always, so much so that once Ayesha r.a said to the Prophet PBUH:

“You act as if there is no other woman than Khadija in the world. Why do you always mention an old woman who lost her teeth through age and died a long time ago? Allah gave you a better one than her. (Bukhari, *Manaqibul-Ansar*, 20) Thereupon, the Messenger of Allah PBUH said, “No. Allah did not give me a better one than her. She believed me when nobody believed me. When nobody gave me anything, she supported me with her wealth. God Almighty gave me children from her.” (Ibn Hanbal, VI, 118).

⁶⁵ Esposito, John (2002). *What Everyone Needs To Know About Islam*. Oxford Press. pp. 80

This clearly proved even after marrying other women, the Prophet PBUH always loved Khadija. His love never changed for her even though he had to marry again for political purposes like that was a custom those days if you want good relations with other tribes the leader had to marry in that tribe and that's what the Prophet PBUH did basically. Some of the detail for marrying more will follow later as well but Harris's point is proven to be absolutely vague from the given detail.

Second Lady

Sawda bint Zam'a:

There isn't a lots of details available regarding Sawda r.a. As I'm an editor at Wikipedia I happened to went through her page there, and guess what did I find? Harris had copy-pasted the details of Sawda r.a. from Wikipedia. I knew he doesn't consult primary sources but to find a ditto copy-paste was quite entertaining. Any reader can also visit the page there and witness himself the great knowledge of Harris regarding Islam. I'm pretty sure he wouldn't know the Tarajum of these personalities (this tarjuma is not translation BTW let Harris find what is it) in Usud ul Ghaba or Al Asaba. Anyway, if he didn't know this why would he even have to speak on it? Literally he didn't find anything to write against the noble lady but he had to vomit out his hatred somehow hence he ended up copy-pasting a secondary source putting further dark lines in his book. It gave me some funny chills as well, as I have created pages on Wikipedia myself it went through my mind Harris copy-pasting my stuff from there and I edit it the second day! Haha. Anyways, The Prophet PBUH was ill and he couldn't move places so he took permission from all other wives including Sawda r.a. to stay at his central home i.e. the home of Ayesha r.a of course everyone allowed they had no issue but Mr. Harris seems to have an issue to it as well after some 14 centuries! Isn't it great!

Third Lady

Ayesha the Truthful:

Ayesha bint Abi Bakr r.a was given the title of “Siddiqua” the Truthful. She was known as the beloved of the beloved of Allah. Once a someone asked the Prophet PBUH, whom do you love the most in the world, he PBUH replied “Ayesha”!⁶⁶

So, the question arises, why would Harris have to drag his leg between such a loving couple? Both the spouses lived happily, they had best of the time together, they played, learnt, loved each other and stayed with each other in every thick and thin. Still someone stands up today and start pointing out that something bad happened then, when there's not a single narration even a weak one which tells that Ayesha r.a wasn't happy with the Prophet PBUH. This is saying like there's an ideal couple today who loves each other so much and Harris stands up and say Oh! Look what grave happened between them! What everyone would call Harris then? An unsatisfied bloke with his life who only sees bad everywhere even if there's all good he tries to see something bad out of it. I can literally feel for Harris.

O yes, the age thing. So, finally Harris has a point! Is it really? Let us see.

Societies run on norms, the social norms. They change with time and vary from place to place. Conditions and environments vary, cultures change and the world keeps on working. But quite naturally it will be unfair and unintelligent to judge a norm or a culture by the different and variable culture of another place, time or era. In Islam, the condition for marrying is puberty. No matter when a person reaches that age, age as a whole is irrelevant. For example, the age of consent among females in Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Philippines,

⁶⁶ Al Bukhari 3462, Muslim 2384

Hungary is 12, while in a dozen more countries it is between 13-14⁶⁷. While in some countries it is 16+. And of course all these countries are non-Muslim. Now, Harris has never objected on any of these, it is up to the country, their culture and norms to decide that age. So, in the countries where the age of consent is decided to be 16+, they'll consider anything under that age as pedophilia at their place while in countries where the age is 12 they consider it absolutely fine, ok and lawful. No one objects, no one has the right to do so as well of course, but here we have Mr. Harris the "kind and sparrow hearted guy" trying to speak up on a culture, place, era, norm of a society/religion where the age of marriage is set to be puberty, no one and absolutely no one in that era or the whole of the Arabs even the enemies of the Prophet PBUH objected on the marriage of Prophet Muhammad PBUH and Ayesha r.a because it was perfectly normal there in fact that was a common practice in Arab culture back then to marry young girls. That would've been an ideal opportunity for the enemies of Islam to criticize the Prophet PBUH for this act if he did something new or was the only to do it among the Arabs, but the fact was everyone did it as normal practice hence no objected but Harris stands up in today's world to object on an event of 14 centuries ago where the situation, time era, norms, cultures where different and you can't see them of with the light of today's world, most importantly no one had a problem with that at that time giving it a stamp of normalcy, soundness and a well accepted practice. So the situation becomes great for Harris, absolutely great! Great irony that is.

I'd like Harris to visit his favorite place, not a literal place of course its google and check the ages of puberty among girls and find out for himself that they reach the age of puberty by the age of 9 or not, take it as a task from me. But one more point, does

⁶⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_age_of_consent

a Muslim have to do it? it's not an obligation on him of course, if the families don't mutually decide on it there's nothing wrong in it in Islam. The situation at the time of the marriage of the Prophet PBUH with Ayesha r.a was very clear, the father of the girl was happy, the mother was happy, the girl herself was happy, the whole of the Arabs were happy, but Harris today is unhappy, he can safely do a thing, get some anti-depressant pills, that will surely help him.

One last thing, the narration Harris brought from Tabari is not authentic, the addition of words "Made her sit in his lap and this is your relative" aren't present in the authentic version of the hadith, the readers might check themselves in Bukhari 3894 and Muslim 1422. Harris would take anything and everything which he thinks he has found against Islam, authenticity doesn't matter to him, he will not shy away from lying as well, the readers would surely have understood it by now. And also, he'd hide the truth as well because of his mal-intentions. Moreover, he tries to show Lady Ayesha r.a was unaware that she has got married while she knew her husband and was prepared for it for three years where she ate nice and healthy food and became a proper woman. One example is he tried to show Lady Ayesha r.a was a kid but the hadith says "At-Tirmidhi said: "Ayesha said: When a girl reaches the age of nine years, she is a woman."⁶⁸

He will hide that of course because it doesn't match his narrative, what the people would believe then is what really matters not that what people say of it now! The equation becomes:

Everyone at that time saying Ayesha r.a was a grown up woman, Harris today 14 centuries later says she was a child.

End of story.

⁶⁸ Tirmidhi 2/409

The Important Question:

I will not follow the sequence Harris followed by mentioning the noble ladies one by one. Harris didn't find anything wrong in them but still wanted to utterly put up the headings to fill up his pages and get an appealing show off for his table of contents. Well anyone reading the details would surely understand that he has miserably failed in proving any point by mentioning those ladies. Instead once again here, he has tried to malign the women who he thinks are his opponents, so basically his purpose is to never speak up for women but to play the women card to try catching people's attention. He will surely do anything to defame Muslims, Christian and Jewish women, whenever he will have the opportunity he will not stay behind and would try to bring something bad out of nothing, this is what womanizers do!

Back to the Topic:

Getting back to the topic, Harris doesn't find anything about the fourth, fifth or sixth lady. But I'll surely like to talk about the seventh. Once again Harris comes up with an inauthentic reference and reaffirms his evil intentions that he will take anything against the Prophet PBUH whether its authentic or inauthentic. Harris mentions Ghazia bint Jabir who's divorce or even marriage with the Prophet PBUH is not authentically proved. This woman was Umm Shareek Ghazia bint Jabir. Ibn Al-Jawzi رحمه الله underlined in his book Sifat As-Safwah that most of the scholars held that she had offered herself in marriage to the Prophet PBUH, but he PBUH did not accept the proposal. She did not get married until she passed away. Based on this opinion, there is no room for the opinion that he, PBUH divorced her. But would that matter to Harris that it's not authentic once again (readers should get used to it) which he wrote? So, this man will tell who the Prophet PBUH was who

doesn't even know an authentic thing about him? This man will write a book against God and tell He doesn't exist?

You got to be kidding me!

Incident of Zaynab bint Jahsh:

The most interesting thing I found while reading what Harris wrote about this topic specially regarding the noble wives of the Prophet PBUH is that he has referred to At Tabari as his premium source in mentioning details about the topic. While let me describe what Tabari really is, it is not a book of hadith but a book of history. I can perfectly understand why Harris didn't consult the real primary source of Islam i.e. the hadith and went for books of history because he didn't find anything authentic against Islam or the Prophet of Islam so he went straight to the weakest considered sources in Islam. He did the same in narrating this incident regarding Zaynab bint Jahsh. Let me first describe you the authenticity of whole of the incident:

Basically Harris has copy-pasted this incident from orientalists who mistranslated it and hence Harris ended up mistranslating as well. There's a famous proverb in Urdu which says "Naqal kay liye bhi aqal ki zarurat hoti" that you need a brain even to cheat. This exactly has happened in this case, as Harris doesn't know Arabic so he wouldn't know what's written in the real text. Basically the objectionable thing in the narration is the word "Hasirah" which means an uncovered head and not a nude body. How can a woman sit naked in her house anyway as well, so this is the mistranslation of the word done deliberately to make up something out of nothing but it was still an unsuccessful attempt yet again.

Secondly, this is the narration as it is related by Ibn-e-Saad, Tabari and others on this occasion. Although this narration can be elaborated in a manner which no longer leaves

room for any objection, the truth is that this tale is absolutely fictitious and false from start to finish. It is proven to be fabricated both in terms of riwayat (chain of narrators) and dirayat (meaning). As far as riwayat is concerned, it is enough to state that this narration is primarily related by al-Waqidi and Abdullah bin Aamir Aslami, both of whom are looked upon by scholars as being absolutely weak and unreliable. In fact, al-Waqidi is so notorious for his falsehood and lies that from among all the Muslim narrators, he is perhaps second to none in this respect. Even if you ask a Muslim kid with minimal knowledge of hadith that who is the liar in narrations, even he will tell you al-Waqidi. So, the incident is narrated by a liar (al-Waqidi) and propagated by a liar as well (Harris Sultan). Moreover, Ibn Hajar in his *Fath ul Bari*, Ibn Kathir⁶⁹ in his commentary, and Zarqani in his *Sharh Mawahib* have explicitly stated that this narration is absolutely false, and have considered it to be a disgrace of the truth to even allude to it.

I can tell you this wasn't Harris's patent research either. Many critics of Islam like William Muir tried to raise this issue but failed miserably. But what's more interesting here is even William Muir didn't accept the fabricated narrations of al-Waqidi, he at least had the face to accept the truth but Harris Sultan is even such a faceless human being who don't have the reasonability neither the honor to accept the truth.

The real incident is the simplest one, what God revealed in Surah Ahzab regarding the status of adopted sons that they're not the real sons, and in Islam marrying the ex-wives of sons is prohibited but there had to be a clarity on the matter of adopted sons so the Prophet PBUH married the ex-wife of his adopted son to show and make this issue clear that it is allowed to do so. That's it!

⁶⁹ Ibn Kathir: 6/424

I will now move to the next part as the overwhelming lies of Harris in this chapter won't allow me to stand here for long. I know there's no 'authenticity' thing in Harris's dictionary he reads it as 'propaganda' rather, as there isn't an authentic narration which proves Rehana r.a to be the wife of the Prophet PBUH. But even then any of the women he mentioned there wasn't any problem with them but still he filled up pages for headlines with them yet proving nothing out of it. Its example is like of an afternoon newspaper (notorious in Pakistan) which only gives headlines and underneath there's nothing, not detail no authenticity and even the headline doesn't match the detail, all messed up! Yeah like Harris.

Slavery and Islam:

Harris has certainly tried to boast about the slavery in Islam. While again he didn't mention what Islam says about it because he'd have got the answers automatically. Islam was the first religion or a system of life which highly discouraged slavery. Before Islam, the pagans, Romans, Indians and all considerable civilizations used to have sex slaves and that was a part of their norms and culture. Those people would treat the slaves in an extremely inhumane manner. While in Islam the ill treatment to slaves was forbidden at first. Secondly, why there was a need for slaves at first? There didn't use to be paid servants or maids those days and the culture was to only have slaves for your works. When a society of the previous times was following a system and culture at a time they can't be judged with the present the cultures and their practices. We have paid servants at our places while they didn't have it. But still the system of slavery in Islam has to be explained which I'm going to do in the following:

When a place is conquered by an army so there comes a situation with the inhabitants of that place where either of the two things may happen with the captured people, one they might be killed

and second they'd be jailed. What's the third possible situation? Even if a generous leader set them free they'll be considered as enemies in the society with no rights secured.

But what happens in Islam? Those people are taken under custody by Muslims as slaves with their rights secured, no one harm them, they'll be given food, shelter and protection and all their needs would be fulfilled including sexual needs. With the situation when slaves were considered as animals before Islam now they had their rights after it. Presenting the summary of it in the following:

People were enslaved by abduction, kidnapping, debt war while Islam abolished all the previous ones and kept the war enslavement to run the system of society. While the basic dogma of Islam is to abolish this system as there are many statements in the Quran and hadiths which asks Muslims to free slaves and it will fetch them huge rewards. And taking money for a free person as slave is completely haram in Islam, the hadith says:

“Allah, may He be exalted, said: ‘There are three whose opponent I will be on the Day of Resurrection, and whomever I oppose, I will defeat (and one of those is) A man who sold a free man and consumed his price.’”⁷⁰

This gives a clear indication that slavery as a whole is not encouraged in Islam. Not to forget it was a system instated in the world for centuries and Islam brought huge changes in it, which eventually resulted in the abolishment of the business of slavery. Quoting some of the instances where Islam asks people who made a mistake to free a slave and get retribution of their deed, also big rewards are promised to people who free the slaves, Allah says in the Quran:

⁷⁰ Al Bukhari: 2227

“And those who pronounce thihar from their wives and then (wish to) go back on what they said - then (there must be) the freeing of a slave before they touch one another. That is what you are admonished thereby; and Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”⁷¹

Many instances from the lives of the Prophet PBUH and his companions speaks out of the Islamic stance as well. Abu Bakr r.a freed Bilal bin Rabah r.a who was a black slave. Also the Prophet PBUH said about a slave girl:

“A young slave girl was brought to the Prophet PBUH to whom the Prophet PBUH said: "Where is Allah?" She said: "In heaven." He asked, "Who am I?" She said, "The Messenger of Allah." So he said to her master: "Set her free, for she is a believer."⁷² Moreover, The Prophet PBUH said “Whoever frees a Muslim slave, Allah will save all the parts of his body from the (Hell) Fire as he has freed the body-parts of the slave.” (Bukhari 2517)

Also. At any given instance where a Muslim was asked to do a good deed the first guideline was to free a slave. Even the payoff of a mistake would be to free a slave as Surah Mujadilah tells in the Quran where a husband made a mistake and was asked to free slave as payoff.

So, the guidelines are very clear in Islam regarding slaves. And Islam effectively became the first ever system in the world, first religion and way of life which started the abolishment of slavery. Even then whatever slavery was still left the slaves had their rights secured completely. In the following I describe those rights for you:

⁷¹ Al Quran, 58:3

⁷² Sahih Muslim, Book 7, Hadith 33

Guaranteeing them food and clothing like that of their masters:

It was narrated that Abu Dhar r.a said: The Messenger of Allah PBUH said: "They are your brothers whom Allah has put under your authority, so if Allah has put a person's brother under his authority, let him feed him from what he eats and clothe him from what he wears, and let him not overburden him with work, and if he does overburden him with work, then let him help him." Narrated by al-Bukhari (6050).

Preserving their dignity:

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah r.a said: I heard Abu'l-Qasim PBUH say: "Whoever accuses his slave when he is innocent of what he says will be flogged on the Day of Resurrection, unless he is as he said." Narrated by al-Bukhari (6858).

Ibn 'Umar r.a manumitted a slave of his, then he picked up a stick or something from the ground and said: There is no more reward in it than the equivalent of this, but I heard the Messenger of Allah PBUH say: "Whoever slaps his slave or beats him, his expiation is to manumit him." Narrated by Muslim (1657).

Being fair towards slaves and treating them kindly:

It was narrated that 'Uthman ibn 'Affan tweaked the ear of a slave of his when he did something wrong, then he said to him after that: Come and tweak my ear in retaliation. The slave refused but he insisted, so he started to tweak it slightly, and he said to him: Do it strongly, for I cannot bear the punishment on the Day of Resurrection. The slave said: Like that, O my master? The Day that you fear I fear also. When 'Abd al-Rahman ibn 'Awf r.a walked among his slaves, no one could tell him apart

from them, because he did not walk ahead of them, and he did not wear anything different from what they wore.

One day ‘Umar ibn al-Khattab passed by and saw some slaves standing and not eating with their master. He got angry and said to their master: What is wrong with people who are selfish towards their servants? Then he called the servants and they ate with them.

A man entered upon Salman r.a and found him making dough – and he was a governor. He said to him: O Abu ‘Abd-Allah, what is this? He said: We have sent our servant on an errand and we do not want to give him two jobs at once.

There is nothing wrong with slaves having precedence over free men in some matters:

With regard to any religious or worldly matters in which he excels over him. For example, it is valid for a slave to lead the prayer. ‘Ayesha r.a the Mother of the Believers had a slave who would lead her in prayer. Indeed, the Muslims have been commanded to hear and obey even if a slave is appointed in charge of their affairs.

A slave may buy himself from his master and be free:

If a person is enslaved for some reason but then it becomes apparent that he has given up his wrongdoing and forgotten his past, and he has become a man who shuns evil and seeks to do good, is it permissible to respond to his request to let him go free? Islam says yes, and there are some fuqaha’ who say that this is obligatory and some who say that it is mustahab.

This is what is called a mukatabah or contract of manumission between the slave and his master. Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And such of your slaves as seek a writing (of emancipation), give them such writing, if you find that there is good and

honesty in them. And give them something (yourselves) out of the wealth of Allah which He has bestowed upon you”

(al-Noor 24:33)

This is how Islam treats slaves justly and kindly.

One of the results of these guidelines is that in many cases, the slave would become a friend of his master; in some cases, the master would regard him as a son. Sa'd ibn Hashim al-Khalidi said, describing a slave of his:

He is not a slave, rather he is a son whom (Allah) has put under my care.

He has supported me with his good service, he is my hands and my arms.

Another result of the Muslims treating slaves in this manner is that the slaves became part of Muslim families as if they were also family members.

Gustave le Bon says in *Hadarat al-Arab* (Arab Civilization) (p. 459-460): “What I sincerely believe is that slavery among the Muslims is better than slavery among any other people, and that the situation of slaves in the east is better than that of servants in Europe, and that slaves in the east are part of the family. Slaves who wanted to be free could attain freedom by expressing their wish.” So yes, the merciful Muhammad PBUH brought even his mercy in slavery. When, they were treated like animals, he made them like a family, when they were beaten every day, he forbade it and made it compulsory to be nice to them and don't ever over burden them, when they were not given any rights he gave them rights by asking people to give them the same food, shelter and clothing you wear. I'll mention a couple of narrations to tell about my merciful Prophet PBUH:

Anas r.a (the slave of Prophet PBUH) said, “I served the Prophet at home and on journeys. By Allah, he never said to me for anything which I did: ‘Why have you done this?’ or for anything which I did not do: ‘Why have you not done this?’” In another narration he said, the Prophet PBUH would smile on my mistakes. (Sahih Bukhari and Muslim).

Once, a man came to Prophet Muhammad PBUH and asked, “O Prophet of Allah! To what extent should we forgive the mistakes and faults of our servants?”

The Prophet PBUH remained silent and when the man repeated the question for the third time, the Prophet PBUH replied, “Seventy times a day.” (Al-Tirmidhi - Sahih)

This was just to tell him that you should always keep on forgiving them by mentioning the figure of seventy because no one makes 70 mistakes in a day!

So, basically it was far better to make someone like your family than to leave them on despise of society so that everyone may look down at them and consider them as a threat. Islam gave a solution to this in the best of the ways and even the opponents of Islam appreciate this fact as I mentioned above. Apart from the desperate Harris of course, he’s used to lying and committing intellectual dishonesty, the readers would be sure of this by now as well. For someone who says I won’t discuss why Qurayza was attacked because he knows if he mentions that they were attacked because of treason and to instate the writ of state and who doesn’t even now that the children of slaves are not bastard children but they’re absolutely the same as a child from the wife with same rights and identical duties towards them and no difference in their lineage either, that person giving an abusive word to those with his lack of knowledge must be condemned and taken to a check-up to a psychiatrist.

The desperation and disappointments of Harris:

I literally felt for Harris when he said there's not much controversy about this marriage (with Maymunah r.a) that he utterly wanted something but became disappointed by not finding anything. And this thing continues, while Harris mentioned a weak narration regarding Hafsa r.a and Maria r.a he didn't even give a reference to it because he knew he's quoting an inauthentic thing and just took the name of a tafsir. As a matter of the fact Harris also knew that the Prophet PBUH married Maria r.a but he didn't mention it out of desperation because he wouldn't be able to find a controversy out of it he mentions it in the beginning but he silently mentioned it in a couple of words in the end thinking he'll get away with it but he didn't of course.

Loads of lies:

Regardless of how Harris built his arguments on lies and then I took them down by mentioning the base is a lie which put considerable intellectual dirt on Harris's face. But I'm really amazed on how he did this research on finding the most inauthentic references regarding Islam and the Prophet of Islam PBUH, would he had written on google "give me something against Islam" or "give me anything against Islam" maybe the key words would vary but the intention was absolutely this. Of course I will not waste my time and the time of my readers by taking the discussion to a low extent where I'd have to call lie a lie, how many times would I say it! I mean when you don't find anything, just to make a heading of a woman to give the "womanizing effect", you went on to write lies and deceive people by saying I'm not writing more because I didn't find authentic references to them! As if what you mentioned before was authentic! The irony is while making those headings he himself sometimes agree that there's not much information

about like the death of the Prophet PBUH's son hence agreeing that although he's lying but still mentioning it to satisfy his hatred. Enough of this hypocrisy, dishonesty and lying!

Why did the Prophet PBUH do Polygamy?

Basically, that was the norm, culture and customary practice of the Arabs to do polygamy. If that's not a practice today at your place then it's perfectly ok, you don't have to do it as it's not obligatory. Secondly, the equation is very clear and simple. Is taking care of more women good or bad? Of course it's good no one could disagree. Is giving them food, shelter, respect and most importantly a higher status good or bad? If that's all good and surely is, then what problem do Harris have with the Prophet PBUH marrying more? Is taking care of women, womanizing? This situation is like the Prophet PBUH married those women (including those couple of concubines Harris mentioned) gave them the highest status in the society because of which their names are still alive and taken with respect by 1.6 billion Muslims of the world, but Harris still has his issues with it. The wives of the Prophet PBUH never complained in fact they were the happiest to be married to the most handsome and the highest status person in all of the region and felt proud about that honor, from where this kabab main haddi Harris is coming through? Why he's putting his leg in between when it's like "Mian biwi razi to kya karay ga qazi" my Urdu readers and Harris surely would understand this and keep his loudmouth closed.

As for the Prophet PBUH, it's very simple, the best way to take care of a woman is to marry her and make her your queen and that's what the Prophet PBUH did. If a woman is your non Mahram in Islam so you have your limitations with her and can't serve her non-hesitantly, but when she's your wife you can certainly do that. The proof of that is the Prophet PBUH only married one virgin i.e.

Ayesha r.a and all other women were either divorced or widowed, if he was a womanizer he'd have married virgins when all the Arabs and even the people of the world were ready to give their virgin daughters to him, it was like wherever he might point he'll get that woman in marriage but he married divorced and widowed women to do what? For womanizing? Surely not! But to give those women a status who were not even considered a part of society when they were divorced or widowed, not one would marry them. The Prophet PBUH married them to take care of them when they needed it, when no one would take care of these women before Islam in Arabs and the whole world, he gave them their lost status back in the society and that's called preserving women rights to the greatest of extent when it was not present anywhere in the world before, the Prophet PBUH was the pioneer of women rights in the world, so that can't be called something else but a mercy to women.

On the other hand, what is womanizing? What Harris believes in and may be committing himself too. Having girlfriends in bulk, a new girl every day, using them as sex objects and not fulfilling any of their rights, in fact not believing in any of their rights at first, not even sparing the women of his home by advocating incest and who knows maybe committing it too because it's not bad morally according to him, that's exactly is what's called womanizing! That's the best and perfect example which the atheists want the world to follow, they will never spare women from targeting them for their purposes as Harris has done in this chapter, I assure you, they'll use women for their benefits and dispose them off after it. That's what Harris and atheism is as a whole.

A final blow to Harris and his logic:

On the end of the chapter, Harris admits himself that the Prophet PBUH is not reported to put someone to death to apostasy but still blames him for it. What's more shameful is he

brought a narration which categorically tells the Prophet PBUH forbade that action and Harris brought it to affirm his claim. What level of shame it is Harris! I know you've lost it but have you completely lost your senses in hatred of Islam!

Finally, Harris brings a bunch of fabricated narrations again. They'll only bring a shame to his face when people will know he's just brought lies in his book. For example, there's a consensus among scholars that there's no authentic narration that exists which talks about anyone drinking the urine of the Prophet PBUH. The narration he mentioned with a secondary reference, the author himself accepts that it is weak because of the narrator Abu Malik al-Nakha'i. As he quoted Hafiz Haithmi declared that he is weak. Furthermore, Imam Nasai, said he is "Matrook" i.e. rejected, someone whose narrations can never be accepted. (al-Du'afa wal-Matrookin No. 383)

And as Hafiz ibn Hajr says Nasai declares a person "Matrook" only when all scholars agree on rejecting his narrations.

Moreover, the narrator is declared 'rejected' by al-Nasai. And many others graded him as unreliable like al-Haitmi, Abu Hatim, Ibn 'Adi, Yahya bin Ma'in, Ibn Hibban (in al Thiqat) etc. So, still Harris based his argument on the base of sand and brought shame to himself only. And lastly the saliva, there's a lots of scientific shame coming to Harris's face in the upcoming chapters too but I will give one teaser here as well.

Harris mentioned and criticized the healing from the saliva of the noble Prophet PBUH while the scientific research proves there are even some wound healing and anti-bacterial properties in the saliva of common people⁷³, then what would be the condition of the saliva of the most beloved of God and His

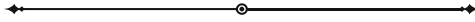
⁷³ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6855406/>

messenger! To deny it was again a part of Harris's very familiar hatred with Islam.

I will mention many things about my beloved noble Prophet PBUH to whom Harris used ill language because of his hatred, when he didn't have any point from the whole life or even death of the Prophet PBUH he tried to manipulate things and used words, those low standard words which shows his intellectual abilities.

But for now, enjoy his lies!

CHAPTER SEVEN



Morality

“No Lives Matter”

Richard Dawkins⁷⁴

This is their morals. This is what they are. They’ll oppose humanity, humane values and morality just because it’s taught by religion hence they’ll deny all the good that exist just in their hatred to religion. Recently, atheists started a movement in answer to the movement of black people “Black lives matter”. Throughout the world, even in sports the players are taking a knee to support the movement which of course is an excellent initiative. But what does the atheists and Mr. Dawkins come up with? They opposed it by saying that “No lives matter”, behind that it’s their racist ideology accompanied by hatred of religion and God. This perfectly tells the mental condition, capacity and abilities of these people. They just want to oppose every good in the world if it has even a hint of religion with it. You just can’t give a better example of hatred, nonsense and low intellect than this!

So, the topic is morality. Well it’s not a topic to begin with. According to the religious dogma, morals are considered morals because they’re taught and given by God Almighty Himself, not that religions exist because there are morals. So, basically the

⁷⁴ <https://babylonbee.com/news/atheists-launch-no-lives-matter-movement>

topic is God and religion, not morals at first. But even then it has to be discussed of course. Religion makes you believe in morals. I guarantee that nothing other than religion can make you “believe” in morals and in turn to adhere to them strictly. The atheistic logic of evolution of morals lacks the basic idea behind morals which is belief in morals. Let a set of morals in today’s world to be presented to me, why should I believe in them? Why should I have to adhere to them? For example, Harris was born, bred and raised in a Muslim country, yet he became an atheist. Likewise, your surroundings don’t affect you unless there’s a proper belief behind it. So, the idea of moral zeitgeist is as vague as any other thing around. No one would believe or implement the ideas of a set of people unless they’re enforced by a belief behind it. No one can make me believe in someone’s ideas unless I have faith in them, like Harris didn’t take the Islamic morals because he disbelieved.

All the accepted and acknowledged Morals existing in the world have been Employed by Religion:

Why you shouldn’t murder, why you shouldn’t rape, why you shouldn’t steal, why you shouldn’t lie, why you shouldn’t deceive, why you have to be nice, honest and upright, why you should serve humanity, all these and many more are all products of religion. We’ll discuss in the following how it is.

Misreading the History:

It wasn’t Abraham Lincoln or anyone else who spoke against slavery for the first time but it was Islam and Muslims who did it. I have already discussed in detail about slavery in chapter 6 that how the trade business of slavery was brought to an end by Prophet Muhammad PBUH and this gradually brought an end to the system of slavery everywhere. If someone wants to steal the idea from religion and claim it to be his than he’s nothing

but being dishonest. Not only slavery, but every widely accepted moral of the world is a product of religion when it wasn't present before it. For example, there used to be mass killings in the tribes in Arabia in the name of tribal pride and land/resource occupation. Namely, Aws and Khazraj⁷⁵, were the two tribes of Medina who used to fight and kill each other every year, but Prophet Muhammad PBUH and Islam forbade killing of innocent people and brought an end to their rivalry by making them brothers and binding them to adhere to the morals and values of mutual respect. Similarly, daughters were buried alive in pre-Islamic Arabia and it was again considered normal in that society, while a wave of religion of Islam suddenly converted this immorality into morality by making people love their daughters and forbidding to kill them in any condition. If morals are adopted as a result of evolution and zeitgeist of people and their experiences which takes a long time, then how did the immoralities of Arabs change rapidly into high moral values within no time just by the orders and guidelines of religion? So, the experience and zeitgeist of people learnt something which was harmful for the society but widely accepted, but all of a sudden when there wasn't even an idea floating about its fixing, those highly immoral people were converted into the highly moral people and of course neither they nor their leader learn it from the zeitgeist!

As I said, this is not limited to one or two examples but it stretches to every existing moral. The origin of every moral is religion and there's no moral without it, not in history, not now, not ever. If something's for no use, why would someone have to adopt it? Naturally, there got to be a sense behind every moral they're not senseless or a result of an accident, they're morals not discoveries! If there's no binding faith behind a moral, no one would ever

⁷⁵https://www.brown.edu/Departments/Joukowsky_Institute/courses/islamicarch2011/14180.html

implement that in his life. Similarly, the faith in reward and punishment behind adopting morals were the driving force in their development throughout the history. This belief alone made people adhere to the morals which are intact till date, otherwise why would an individual accept a moral and implement in his life if he doesn't believe in it, specifically that it'll bring him some good if he does and it'll bring him some harm eternally if he doesn't. The biggest example of it are the people like Harris himself, they were living in a society which had high moral grounds and rich in values, but still Harris refused to accept their morals because he didn't believe in them religiously and even said incest is ok. Imagine he was just one person here out of millions and they couldn't make him believe in something if he doesn't have faith, then how in world can someone claim or believe that this would have happened in the past! A single person can't be made to believe in morals non-religiously today, similarly no one would accept this as a mere idea right from the beginning and he'd only believe if there's religion making him follow that with a proper system and faith in morals. This made the morals last for centuries and people followed them, and are still following just because it's in their religion.

All the Morals were a Rapid Change/Revolution in the Society:

Morals had never been a slow, evolution process which made them develop with the passage of time. The Islamic morals whose origin is the Arab society are widespread all over the world today just because of the religion of Islam, not because people liked the Arab culture and adopted them worldwide. There were grave defects in morals all over including Arabs and non-Arabs before Islam, but after Islam they all vanished with the blink of an eye. I will describe some of those incidents in the following:

Prohibition of Liquor:

Consuming liquor was a normal practice in the Arab society. But as Islam came and prohibited it as a grave immoral act so much so that even today in the Islamic societies if a person consumes alcohol he's considered an immoral and wicked person. How did it happen that where it was ok to have it like in Arabs/Indians now to have it is condemned to the greatest of extent? Zeitgeist? Let me quote:

“Anas b. Malik reported: I was serving drink to Abu 'Ubaida b. jarrah, Abu Talha and Ubayy b. Ka'b prepared from unripe dates and fresh dates when a visitor came and he said: Verily liquor has been prohibited. Thereupon, Abu Talha said: Anas, stand up and break this pitcher. I stood up and (took hold) of a pointed stone and struck the pitcher with its lower part until it broke into pieces”.⁷⁶

They were about to consume liquor as a normal thing, they prepared it as a normal practice but left it with a single commandment of Islam. So, how much time it took for a moral to develop? 30 seconds! Call 30 seconds as zeitgeist if you wish to!

Hijab – Veil:

The Arab culture didn't have any concept of hijab or veil before Islam. So much so that they even used to circumambulate the Kaba'h while being nude⁷⁷. The women won't wear hijab and all this was normal and a part of the Arab culture. But all of a sudden this concept was built to cover up, wear hijab/veil and to be modest always when this single verse was revealed:

⁷⁶ Sahih Muslim: 4889

⁷⁷ Sahih Bukhari: 364

“And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers, or their brothers' sons or their sisters' sons, or their women or the servants whom their right hands possess, or male servants free of physical needs, or small children who have no sense of the shame of sex, and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments. And O you Believers, turn you all together towards Allah, that you may attain Bliss.”⁷⁸

So, in a split second, the moral of garments, adornment and clothing was set and all the Muslims obliged to the moral all over. How much time it took again for a moral to form? Zeitgeist again?

Riba – Interest:

Dealing in Riba or interest was again common among the Arabs. Their business comprised of interest on loans and dealings. They were doing it normally in their society but again one verse of the Quran forbade it and now it became the most immoral act to perform in business. The verse is as follows:

“O you who believe! Be afraid of Allah and give up what remains (due to you) from Riba (usury) (from now onward), if you are (really) believers.”⁷⁹

So, again in a split second the moral of business was set by the Quran. Zeitgeist?

⁷⁸ Al Quran – 24:31

⁷⁹ Al Quran – 2:278

Prostitution:

In the pre-Islamic Arab, men would have intercourse with a certain woman (a prostitute). She would not prevent anybody. Such women used to put a certain flag at their gates to invite in anyone who liked. If this woman got pregnant and gave birth to a child, she would collect those men, and a soothsayer would tell whose child it was. The appointed father would take the child and declare him/her his own. When the Prophet PBUH declared Islam in Arabia, he cancelled all these forms of sexual contact except that of present Islamic marriage. Pre-Islamic Arabs had no limited number of wives. They could marry two sisters at the same time, or even the wives of their fathers if divorced or widowed, the Quran declared all this as a punishable offence and made it haram (prohibited). Again it only took one verse to change the sexual morals upside down:

“As for female and male fornicators, give each of them one hundred lashes, and do not let pity for them make you lenient in enforcing the law of Allah, if you truly believe in Allah and the Last Day. And let a number of believers witness their punishment.”⁸⁰

Zeitgeist?

Bloodshed:

Bloodshed was as common in the pre-Islamic Arabia as the social media is today. They'd kill people for fun, pride and sacrifices sometimes. Even the infant girls were buried alive as a normal practice. But Islam staunchly prohibited every act of violence in the society by revealing verses which addressed the issues accordingly. The verses are:

⁸⁰ Al Quran – 24:2

“Whoever takes a life unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land, it will be as if they killed all of humanity; and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity.”⁸¹

“And do not kill your children, fearing poverty; We shall provide sustenance to them as well as to you; indeed killing them is a great sin.”⁸²

This way the morals of living were set by the religion of Islam. I’ve only mentioned some out of many, but I’d again love to ask, was it zeitgeist? No way it can be! It is religion who always sets the morals of a society, I have just given the examples of the Islamic world but it goes for all other religions and their societies as well. The Jews strictly follow their bible as their moral conduct till date, the Hindus follow their customs as written in their sacred books, nowhere at any stage or part of the history, anything other than religion has enforced morals in the human societies. It is horribly wrong to say that morals develop as a result of zeitgeist while they all developed religiously. It specifically proves if there’s no God, then there’s no moral!

Some self-defeating discussion by Harris:

I knew even before reading the discussion of Harris in this chapter that he wouldn’t have anything, proof or evidence in his favor for morality without religion, but after reading that I can safely confirm that Harris literally didn’t have anything. Basically, in atheism, everything goes. You can’t stop yourself from committing an immoral act when there’s nothing stopping you. Harris admits himself that he drinks, he’s not married but he has a sexual partner meaning consensual rape, he lies as well as I proved previously in the book, so as a whole he commits

⁸¹ Al Quran – 5:32

⁸² Al Quran – 17:31

every immoral act because he doesn't believe in religion. This exactly is the case with every other atheist as well, and not from today but from the beginning of course. So, to say morals developed non-religiously is an absolute nonsense of a claim.

Moreover, Harris said Islam accepted demolition of the slavery so why can't they accept homosexuality. This is again the basic error of knowledge committed by Harris. As I mentioned before, Islam discourages slavery and encourages to set people free, so it was ideal for Islam that slavery got demolished from the world. But on the other hand, Islam highly condemns the immoral act of homosexuality, a proved mental disorder, so it can never accept it even if the whole world legalizes it. Homosexuality is prohibited in other Semitic religions as well anyway. But in Islam, the source, base and root of every moral is revelation and not the act of a person be it the whole world.

Harris pretty cleverly tries to make a point regarding Neanderthals, whose existence is highly controversial to begin with. Moreover, any of their acts can't be confirmed through observable evidence hence to claim something about them is unscientific to begin with when they're not scientifically sound or accepted evidences themselves.

I have noticed whenever Harris quotes something, even if it's the most nonsense thing, calling a theory a fact or quoting something absolutely false, he tries to show that's the biggest truth, I'll call this attitude with a meme, "Yeh wala confidence chahiye".

I mean quoting Veena Malik! Yet not mentioning what she did afterwards when she admitted her previous wrong acts and started to even cover up herself. But Harris only mentioned what she did previously while hiding the fact she considered it wrong afterwards. Well this is some level of hypocrisy and intellectual dishonesty!

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Glorious Quran

Don't lie (22:30)

Don't spy (49:12)

Don't insult (49:11)

Don't waste (17:26)

Feed the poor (22:36)

Don't backbite (49:12)

Keep your oaths (5:89)

Don't take bribes (27:36)

Honor your treaties (9:4)

Restrain your anger (3:134)

Don't spread gossip (24:15)

Think good of others (24:12)

Be good to guests (51:24-27)

Don't harm people (33:58)

Don't be rude to parents (17:23)

Turn away from ill speech (23:3)

Don't make fun of others (49:11)

Walk in a humble manner (25:63)

Respond to evil with good (41:34)

Don't say what you won't do (62:2)

Keep your trusts & promises (23:8)

Don't insult others' false gods (6:108)

Don't deceive people in trade (6:152)

Don't take items without right (3:162)

Don't ask unnecessary questions (5:101)

Don't be miserly nor extravagant (25:67)

Don't call others with bad names (49:11)

Don't claim yourselves to be pure (53:32)

Speak nicely, even to the ignorant (25:63)

Don't ask for repayment for favors (76:9)

Make room for others at gatherings (58:11)

If enemy wants peace, then accept it (8:61)

Return a greeting in a better manner (4:86)

Don't remind others of the favors you done to them (2:264)

Make peace between fighting groups (49:9)

"This (Quran) is the guidance and mercy for those who do good"⁸³

Al Quran

The glorious Quran is a book of guidance. The topic of the Quran is guidance. The Purpose of the Quran is guidance. And it is a book which leads to the light of guidance from the darkness of misguidance. The Quran exhibits guidance in every single aspect/part of a human's life. It gives guidelines to every gender, race and people of all ages and cultures. It provides the best solutions to the problems of people of all times. If the Quran doesn't present the ideal morals and I doubt you don't

⁸³ Al Quran – 31:3

even know what morals are, if committing incest is your moral then surely Quran doesn't have that kind of "morals". But morality, science etc. are only a few of its topics whereas the whole book is rich in various disciplines like the knowledge of divinity, philosophy, social sciences and prophecies as well. It is very easy to claim or say a word on the Quran but it is impossible to prove your claim. Many people starting right from the time of the Prophet PBUH till date are trying their level best to point out a single inaccuracy in the Quran but they're only reserved to comments, no proof has ever been furnished apart from people ending up putting shame to their own faces, like it has happened to the atheists of the present time and is about to happen to Harris as well. Before I start the post mortem of Harris, it'll be very important to know the background of the glorious Quran to understand how really remarkable it is.

Background of the Glorious Quran:

At the time when the Quran was revealed, people were stubborn to a greater extent than what they're now. They'd call the Prophet PBUH as the Truthful and Trustworthy and still won't accept him, they'd keep their stuff in the custody of the Prophet PBUH say so much so that when they were about to assassinate him before his migration their stuff was still under his custody and they didn't demand it back, that was the amount of trust they had on him but still didn't accept his message of truth. When a person of today's world says something on the Quran he just shows his ignorance with the background and history related to Quran. Was it that easy? Was it like a smooth show that the Quran came and people accepted as such? The people of Makkah physically assaulted the Prophet PBUH and even wanted to assassinate him. The amount of agony they had and how utterly they wanted to prove this book wrong was next to nothing as compared to today's world, they tried and failed. They had the biggest intellectuals of their time among them,

they had linguists, they had philosophers, they had the most intelligent people among them but what happened? All of those became Muslim or failed to belittle the Quran. The people considered the most intelligent and reasonable before Islam, how can their acceptance of Islam and Quran made them the opposite? How did the Quran create such a revolution which lasted for centuries and is still continuing? What change it brought in people? Did they become good or bad? Let me elaborate that in the following.

The people who accepted the Quran:

As I mentioned, the people who'd find their vested and political interests in danger because of the message of Quran they opposed it in the beginning. They went to the last possible extent to stop and ridicule the Quran, they'd whistle, make noise and literally stop people for not listening to it. But as the teachings of Quran got widespread in the society, people started to accept the Quran including the most eminent and high status people. It gives us an indication that even the people who stopped from listening the Quran knew that it was the truth but still opposed it because they thought they might lose their political/economic position in the society.

Let me describe some of the people who accepted Islam.

Omer bin Al-Khattab:

Omer bin Al-Khattab r.a was a staunch oppose of Islam. He was considered to be a man of high stature, valor and intelligence even before Islam. Unlike other close companions of the Prophet PBUH he didn't accept Islam from the beginning like Abu Bakr r.a and Usman r.a. but he opposed it pretty forcefully, so much so that he planned to assassinate the Prophet PBUH. But upon

listening to the Quran at his sister's home he embraced Islam.⁸⁴ It should be kept in mind that when he accepted Islam there were no more than 40-45 Muslims in total. There was no reason for him to even think of accepting this faith for a worldly reason, neither it was by force as no one could force Omer r.a to do anything and as his past suggests he was a staunch oppose of Islam so an enemy accepted Islam which was very weak at that time with a very minimal strength. As Omer r.a was an intellect, brave and reasonable person even before Islam, the question arises why would he invest his faith in something he didn't find good, truthful, divine, reasonable and most importantly different from other literature available at that time in Arabia. It is very important to know and judge the Quran by the people to whom it was first revealed. Those were the people who opposed it politically in the beginning but couldn't deny the brilliance of it. The best example is of Omer r.a who knew he's going to suffer if he accepts this faith, there's no possible success in sight with the weak conditions of Muslims at that time, so the only reason was conviction in faith after listening the Quran. He found the Quran irresistible because he knew the other Arab literature of that time and could easily distinguish it wasn't a human work and was divine hence embraced Islam subsequently on his first study of it.

Khalid bin Al-Waleed:

Khalid bin Waleed, the warrior, was another staunch enemy of Islam. He fought against the Muslims and was the cause of the defeat of Muslims in the battle of Uhud. He belonged to the Banu Makhzoom tribe and his family was known as the judges in Makkah and his uncle was known as lord of Makkah. To be precise, he belonged to a high status and was himself known to be a man of high stature, valor and military genius. He never lost

⁸⁴ Ar Raheeq ul Makhtoom (Whole Story)

a battle in his life where he participated in over a hundred. He embraced Islam in the 6th hijri after the battle of trench. There was no need for him to become a Muslim if he wasn't convinced with the truth of it. For a man of his status and bravery, there couldn't be anything which might force him ever to do this except for his heart which attested the truth. He was a huge conversion and he became the military commander of Muslims and conquered many lands.⁸⁵ This again gives us the indication that the brain of Arabs, the most intelligent and the bravest people started converting to Islam by affirming the Quran and the messenger of God as the truth. Khalid r.a even fought and led the army against Musailimah the false prophet, that was his conviction in Islam that he and other companions could easily distinguish between truth and the falsehood which makes the truth even more strong.

Amr ibn al-Aas:

Amr was a multitalented Meccan who also embraced Islam in the 6th hijri. He was considered a genius in Makkah and was chosen to sent to Abyssinia to debate the Muslims before the king Negus. In Islam, he's known as the commander and conqueror who conquered Egypt. He was also the commander in Syria when the Muslims defeated the Byzantine. Personally, he was the son of a wealthy landlord in Makkah and was a wealthy person himself.⁸⁶ For such a person, intelligent and brave, why there would be a need to convert to Islam if he didn't affirm, judge and analyzed it to be true! It is extremely important to understand the context of Islam and the glorious Quran which stood by its staunch opponents, great intellects and bravest people and passed every test it was presented to. Amr r.a

⁸⁵ Donner, Fred M. (1981). *The Early Islamic Conquests*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

⁸⁶ The Encyclopaedia of Islam, New Edition, Volume VII

is another great example that how the most honored Arabs couldn't resist the truth of Islam when they lived in a highly intellectual environment with diverse language, stubborn behaviors and being in the center capital of the Arabia i.e. Makkah. If this context is not well understood or overlooked, then it'll be a great intellectual dishonesty.

Tamim al-Dari:

Tamim al-Dari, a Christian priest before Islam and highly regarded in his tribe Dar. Tamim r.a embraced Islam in the 6th hijri as well according to the most authentic narrations.⁸⁷ The personalities I mentioned before were not out of the people of the book but Tamim was a Christian, not only that but a priest as well. The reason why I didn't mention some other notable people like Warqa, who was also a Christian priest, is because he was related to the Prophet PBUH to some extent as he was the cousin/uncle of his wife Khadija r.a. But Tamim wasn't related to the Prophet PBUH and as a priest his partiality can't ever be thought of. A learned, religious scholar and a preacher of his religion embraced Islam after just one meeting with the Prophet PBUH. Why would he had to do it if he didn't find the Prophet PBUH and the Quran as the truthful book of God when he was fully aware of God, His messengers and His books. These instances give us an overview that why the people of highest ranks and intellectual abilities had to leave their previous beliefs and accept Islam, of course no other reason than the overwhelming truthfulness of the Quran, the word of God and its message.

Salman al-Farsi:

Salman's r.a journey to Islam was a magnificent one. He was a born Zoroastrian and practiced the faith till his young ages at his

⁸⁷ E.J. Brill's First Encyclopaedia of Islam, 1913-1936 By M. Th Houtsma

birthplace Persia. But he didn't find this faith to be the truth hence soon after he left his home in quest of the truth he became a Christian. Keeping the story short, he reached Madinah, came to know about Prophet Muhammad PBUH, affirmed his prophet hood with the knowledge he learnt in Christianity and became a Muslim. The exact date of his conversion is not known but it was surely before the battle of the trench, 6 hijri because the trench was the idea of Salman r.a. himself.⁸⁸ The story of Salman r.a reaching the truth, how he had to go through much difficulties on the way, leaving his home, all this indicates that he was a man of truth, he searched for it, he meant business with religion, he couldn't be forced to accept something he didn't believe which his story tells us clearly, and as a result he found what he wanted i.e. the ultimate truth of Islam!

I could go on and keep on narrating the stories of magnificent people like these whom the world acknowledges regardless of their faith, but the point I wanted to raise should be well understood now. I quoted former pagan (Idol) worshipers, Christians, Zoroastrian and mentioned a Jew too previously Abdullah bin Salam r.a but didn't mention him here again so that it's not repeated. All of that clearly tells that Islam didn't come out of the blue at once. It didn't come as a surprise and the people accepted without testing it. It stood out and proved its truthfulness.

A couple of points finally in this regard before I move to the main body of this chapter. I tentatively mentioned only those personalities who embraced Islam before the conquest of Makkah. The reason was one may object these people became Muslims with some fear which again would be absolutely false to say because the Prophet PBUH forgave even the worst of his

⁸⁸ Jestice, Phyllis G. (2004). *Holy People of the World: A Cross-cultural Encyclopedia, Volume 1*

enemies that day so there wasn't any pressure on anyone to accept Islam. Even then I mentioned the people before that time to let go that argument completely be it a vague one. Secondly, the reason to quote the prominent people was that they were like a proof and evidence themselves of that time. The society would follow them considering them to be the leaders in each discipline.

To make it more understandable we take an example of a peer reviewed research paper. This is the system of today to confirm most of the scientific phenomenon hence anything to be considered as authentic the researcher is referred to research paper. Einstein wrote a research paper to put forward his theory of relativity and many other scientists do the same. So, when there wasn't an academic system of research papers, the most prominent people of the society like which I mentioned were the Einsteins of that society and their affirmation was a research paper of that time. Hence the significance of their impartiality and affirmation of a particular thing carried huge importance like a research paper of today.

This should clearly state the context and background of Islam and Quran, it wasn't a child's play ever and it had a valid peer reviewed history and importance. Now, if anyone wants to challenge this has to bring his widely acceptable evidence as a research paper of today in order to make some sense. Which of course Harris didn't bring. We will see now what he brought in detail.

The Quran, Best of the Best:

So, what's the criteria of being the best? There have to be an ideology, a system, and an organized work in every aspect makes something the best. For a work which covers all aspects of a human life and brings the solutions to the problems they face in each aspect makes that work a revolution and gives it a special place among people. That's only when it's limited to one

particular era, but what if a book gives that all for all ages and all times! That got to be the best indeed!

This exactly is why Quran is the best book and no other book comes even close to it. It is not the authorship of a person but God Himself, and when that's the case it has to be perfect and this is what Quran and Muslims claim as well. Harris have tried to point out some inaccuracies in the Quran, honestly he's not the first and won't be the last as well, but we have to check his try and see what he brings.

So, basically Harris doesn't provide ANY references or name of a book which provides the solutions to the problems of humanity, instead throws some imaginary words as catch phrases which themselves were unorganized and unproved without a reference of any book. While Quran is a reference itself and doesn't beg for anything which any atheist like Harris begs for.

For example, take the example of slavery. Today if I say caging the birds and animals for petting is alright, no one would argue on that of course as we all have pets in our homes and governments keep them in zoos. But if in future, people becomes extra conscious of birds and animals they might make it illegal to keep them caged. Would that give them the right to call all of us today as cruel? We people living today predominantly don't have a problem with that and that's what matters. Similarly, slavery was a system alright for that world when it was needed, and Islam had the most humane system of it, but to say today that it was cruel based on your current system and understanding would be as vague and inappropriate as the previous example.

The question of why Prophets were only sent in Arabia is again based on miss information. There hasn't been a single nation to whom Prophets weren't sent, as for Arabia, it was one of the most active societies at that time so they were given responsibility like other people, the Arabs succeeded and others didn't, simple!

As for the language, the Quranic language is well preserved and understood with authentic systems of Qirat, if one says someone makes a video today which'd reach all over the world, that's untrue to begin with, as I write this Harris has 60k subscribers on YouTube while there are over 7 billion people in the world, naturally it won't reach everyone. But as for Islam, it has reached people all over the world without the aid of those techs! Verily in the signs of God the people of understanding finds Him!

As for interpretation, when time changes, it brings new problems with it. Imagine if God would've said to Arabs something they wouldn't understand at that time but it was an event of the future well understood to the people of that time only, they'd surely have said what kind of a book is this which we can't even understand! So, what could've been the best solution? Yes, interpretation. God gave the ability and a window to people to interpret and explore the Quran with their respective needs and times and solve up their problems. This is a miracle of the Quran itself.

Interpretation:

Harris seems to be quite intimidated with the interpretations of the Islamic texts. Quite frankly it's a thing well understood among Muslims and to portray it as a problem is grave misinterpretation itself. Despite of Quranic language being foreign to many people, it has still reached among all Muslims of all languages and races, we understand that reach is something of a God's gift and not a game of language or hi-tech facilities. If that wasn't the case, why would Harris be stuck on 60k after so many years! But coming towards a good point which Harris raised, if Einstein can say something straight and simple, why can't God? So, Einstein said "Nothing can travel faster than the speed of light in space" while Harris wants God to make such statements, in other words, Harris wants God to make mistakes!

Tachyons are highly debated to travel faster than light and many theories suggests that too. Whatever the case is, it's not very far to identify tachyons in space which already has made Einstein's theory to be controversial. But it's not only about that, all the statements regarding faith in the Quran are absolutely straight, clear and easy to understand. For example:

“Say: He is Allah, the one and only”⁸⁹

Can it get more straight, easier and simpler than that? With the support of all the Prophets and Muslims as a belief that God is one and the only! But why didn't Harris see it? The basic creed and doctrine of Muslims left completely to be mentioned because of what? Just to make a point where again he stands unsuccessful and dejected with the idea that God didn't make things simple for people while He mentions Himself:

“We have made this Qur'an easy as a reminder”⁹⁰

Now see at the other part, imagine the Quran being too easy and the importance of words decreased henceforth. The reason why jurists and exegetes are still exploring the meanings of the Quran is because of its vast meanings and beauty of explaining things as a mix of tough and easy passages bringing interests of both less learned and highly intellectual brains. This is no less than a miracle to address both minds at the same time and in the same book making it understandable as a whole for all. If that wasn't the case, the less intellectual minds might have complained this book is too tough for us, so God made the believes easy for them inside, and the ones with high intellectual abilities might have complained it's too easy for us so it was made of a higher intellectual level book for them. This is called some perfection!

⁸⁹ Al Quran – 112:1

⁹⁰ Al Quran – 54:17

Leaving the Mukar'rarat of Harris ahead (Letting him find the meaning of it as a task ;)

Al Quran – the Continuous Miracle and the Finality of Prophethood:

One valid question arises, why did the Prophets stop coming and God is no longer sending a new book. The answer lies in the need of Prophets and divine books which is already fulfilled. You can't add water in a prefilled container. You'd certainly need a new guidance if the previous one doesn't solves up your problems, but if does then there's no need for a new one. The Quran solves up the problems till eternity, it's a complete package of systems, beliefs and supreme divine intelligence, for today's world its scientific miracles are one of the proofs of its divine origins and guidance whose detail will follow in the chapter. So, basically nothing new is required after the Quran.

Difference of opinion?

Harris states some of the difference of opinions among the Muslim scholars regarding some matters. This thing makes him feel that there's something wrong and he should write against it to take it down. Great approach, have to admit. But it has to remain the same always right? Or is it specifically for Islam only? Surely this would be his universal approach. Then what about science and scientists? What about their hundreds and thousands of differences in opinions, theories and counter theories? Does that undermine science and proves it wrong or make it more versatile? For example:

I'm giving a list of scientists who believes that global warming is caused by natural processes and humans have nothing to do with it:

William Kininmonth, meteorologist, former Australian delegate to World Meteorological Organization Commission for

Climatology. Jennifer Marohasy, an Australian biologist, former director of the Australian Environment Foundation.

Ian Plimer, professor emeritus of mining geology, the University of Adelaide.

Timothy Ball, historical climatologist, and retired professor of geography at the University of Winnipeg.

Ian Clark, hydrogeologist, professor, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Ottawa. Tad Murty, oceanographer; adjunct professor, Departments of Civil Engineering and Earth Sciences, University of Ottawa.

Tim Patterson, paleoclimatologist and professor of geology at Carleton University in Canada. Jan Veizer, environmental geochemist, professor emeritus from University of Ottawa.

Henrik Svensmark, physicist, Danish National Space Center.

Vincent Courtillot, geophysicist, member of the French Academy of Sciences.

Nir Shaviv, professor of physics focusing on astrophysics and climate science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Victor Manuel Velasco Herrera, Theoretical Physicist and Researcher, Institute of Geophysics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Doug Edmeades, soil scientist, officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Ole Humlum, professor of geology at the University of Oslo. Khabibullo Abdusamatov,

Astrophysicist at Pulkovo Observatory of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Wibjörn Karlén, professor emeritus of geography and geology at the University of Stockholm.

Tom Segalstad, geologist; associate professor at University of Oslo.

Sallie Baliunas, retired astrophysicist, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

David Douglass, solid-state physicist, professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester.

Don Easterbrook, emeritus professor of geology, Western Washington University.

William Happer, physicist specializing in optics and spectroscopy; emeritus professor, Princeton University. David Legates, associate professor of geography and director of the Center for Climatic Research, University of Delaware.

Anthony Lupo, professor of atmospheric science at the University of Missouri.

Arthur B. Robinson, American politician, biochemist and former faculty member at the University of California, San Diego.

Murry Salby, atmospheric scientist, former professor at Macquarie University and University of Colorado. Nicola Scafetta, research scientist in the physics department at Duke University.

Fred Singer, professor emeritus of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia.

Willie Soon, astrophysicist, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Roy Spencer, meteorologist;

Principal research scientist,

University of Alabama in Huntsville.

George H. Taylor, retired director of the Oregon Climate Service at Oregon State University.

List of those scientists who says the reason for global warming is unknown:

Claude Allègre, French politician; geochemist, emeritus professor at Institute of Geophysics (Paris).

Antonino Zichichi, emeritus professor of nuclear physics at the University of Bologna and president of the World Federation of Scientists.

Pål Brekke, solar astrophysicist, senior advisor Norwegian Space Centre.

Syun-Ichi Akasofu, retired professor of geophysics and founding director of the International Arctic Research Center of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Robert Balling, a professor of geography at Arizona State University.

John Christy, professor of atmospheric science and director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, contributor to several IPCC reports.

Petr Chylek, space and remote sensing sciences researcher, Los Alamos National Laboratory.

David Deming, geology professor at the University of Oklahoma.

Stanley B. Goldenberg a meteorologist with NOAA/AOML's Hurricane Research Division.

Keith E. Idso, botanist, former adjunct professor of biology at Maricopa County Community College District and the vice president of the Center for the Study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change.

Kary Mullis, 1993 Nobel laureate in chemistry, inventor of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method.⁹¹

⁹¹https://list.fandom.com/wiki/List_of_scientists_who_disagree_with_the_scientific_consensus_on_global_warming

And alongside that the most popular and common narrative and an endless list of environmentalists who says humans are specifically responsible for global warming. So, a single phenomenon and three different and distinct narratives of scientists on that, hence it proved science confusing? It should be left altogether? Or is it absolutely wrong? I again leave it on Harris and my readers to decide on that and I'll move to the next point.

As mentioned quite a few times before that Harris have a knack of misquoting and misinterpreting. But he moves ahead in his skill and fabricates a thing out of nothing. Let's see in the following:

Harris quotes a verse of the Quran which says:

“Exalted is He who created all pairs”

Harris's commentary on that: “This verse claims that all animals are created in pairs, like male and female”

So now I gotta give Harris English lessons as well as he doesn't know Arabic? The verse says in plain English translation “All pairs” meaning whatever pairs may exist, God has created all of them indeed. While Harris fabricates in the verse by adding the words “All animals, male and female”. The reader can easily witness his fabricated meaning and his distorted mindset with that where he adds specificity in commonality, a language, philosophical and scientific error.

Scientific Miracles of the Quran:

The scientific miracles in the Quran are no mystery. More than 14 centuries ago a document was revealed which gave the report of what people would be able to know 14 centuries later. Now that we do know, we are in a position to interpret and explain those verses of the Quran which specifically deals with sciences.

But even then, we find someone, a person who seems to be claiming the all in all scholar of sciences and religions yet

knowing nothing about them, namely none other than our very own Harris Sultan baba. Let us see what he comes up with now!

The Big Bang:

The big bang, which is the theory of the beginning of the universe, explains how the very early stages of the universe came through. Although this theory doesn't tell what happened before the big bang which is a crucial question in the explaining the creation of the universe. Honestly, science doesn't have an answer to it. But even then we get a good enough idea of the secondary phase of creation i.e. the big bang. Scientists dedicated their lives to find out such phenomenon, but here we have Professor Dr. Allama Harris Sultan sahib concocting his own sciences and his own meanings out of religious scriptures.

Moreover, he misquotes Einstein and other scientists, doesn't provide references of any things he's claiming so as I said this should be his own scientific researches. But we don't see any of his scientific papers published in peer reviewed journals, no books on science or any contribution whatsoever in the field of science yet he writes a full chapter on science based on his own ideas. What weight does it carry? I leave again to the readers to decide before I analyze his points.

The Points:

Firstly, the translations. The verse which explains the big bang in the Quran is as under:

“ARE, THEN, they who are bent on denying the truth not aware that the heavens and the earth were [once] one single entity, which We then parted asunder?” (21:30 – Muhammad Asad)

The verse is pretty categorical in its context that God Almighty is referring to the nonbelievers to behold His creation and the way He made it. That clearly tells that the verse is indicating

towards a very important fact and hence its categorical on an astronomical fact. The only way to prove the verse and its contents wrong is to prove the big bang wrong. But what did Harris do? He closed his eyes on the verse and intentionally looked for a translation which he could manipulate easily. But even then he fails miserably is doing so as the meaning still stands in the verse that the heavens and the earth were once a singularity and then they parted away.

The reason why I also mentioned that science doesn't explain what happened before big bang is because it solves the issue of matter and energy which Harris claimed to be absent before the big bang and attributed that to Einstein who by the way never said it. Matter as primary nebula was present even before but its details are unknown, how it was, what shape it was, how was it created and what caused it to exist, all these questions have easy answers in religion that God caused all that, but as science doesn't understand it experimentally so it's not in a position to acknowledge it neither reject it. Where again Harris is wandering is the secondary phase of creation which doesn't again answers the primary phase. The primary matter, its different shapes, essential elements, gases and their reactions they all happened but from where did their raw material arrived? No one knows. What caused them to react and made into matter, gases, solids, liquids or any other forms and where did this intelligence came in them to jam together and form the universe, all these are still mysteries for science.

Where Harris still stands are different theories with no conformity levels. He desperately tries to drag his argument showing nothing but his lack of knowledge of science, and then this desperation leads to mockery of himself in a manner anyone with basic scientific knowledge can understand.

For example, Harris mentions extreme circumstances at the time of big bang while those circumstances are absolutely unknown and anything explaining them is a wild theory. The metals and gases and their genesis leaves a big question mark on their basic material of atoms and its providence. Even if we do agree to extremeness, it doesn't provide the primary energy source again. Still Harris tries to manipulate the Quranic verse which even a layman can understand that it mentions the very basic material of the universe being joined together and then parted away specially when the Quran mentions the absence of earth and other heavenly bodies before the big bang in the very verse Harris quoted (7:54) and then they were created in six day periods. So yes, the Quranic verse stands on predicting and explaining the creation of the heavens and the earth through big bang. With that Harris also goes to some substandard myths which he'd never consider in normal circumstances but because he wanted to undermine the Quran he did so. He didn't provide any references, no original texts and yet wrote it down! Like the Egyptians. Now we know that the ancient Egyptian languages are recently being understood, still not all but some work has been done on them recently, but that's not Harris's concern, he doesn't provide a text but a myth that "They believed" earth and skies to be one. How? When? Who said it? where are the texts and claims so that we may analyze them like Harris tried to analyze the Quranic verse? What the Quran states is a clear claim, while what the others believed 'allegedly' was a myth. Did you spot the difference between the two?

Again Harrisian dilemma, why didn't God do that why did he do that! Why He made a process for creation why He didn't do a magic wand thing? But wait, Harris had problems with magic wands previously right? And now he's having his problems with proper functioning as well? So neither here nor there? When God do a 'magic wand' thing Harris have a problem, when he

makes physical laws to perform functions he still has problems, he's never happy with anything God do! What is it the real problem then? Yeah, Harrisian dilemma.

Expansion of the Universe:

So how did they scientists discover a big bang? The basic idea lies in the expansion of the universe. Lemaitre extracted the idea from the expanding universe that if it is going away from each other now, drawing the equation back it was one singularity in the beginning, hence a big bang caused the universe's origination. So we found out that the big bang theory is incomplete without the expanding universe model. So what did the Quran do then? Did it only mention the big bang and that's it? In fact, it completed the model by mentioning the expanding universe as well. The Quran says: "It is We Who have built the universe with (Our creative) power, and verily, it is We Who are steadily spreading it" (51:47)

So it is a complete model of the universe presented by the Quran with no ambiguities in their context, meanings or interpretations, yet Harris makes another failed attempt to create something out of nothing. The meaning of the verse is absolutely clear even in the translation and it perfectly complies with the scientific fact of an expanding universe at a steady pace and increasing vastness between galaxies, which are perfectly the words mentioned in the Quran! No controversies can be made out of them my friend!

Everything from Water?

Quran: "And we have made from water every living thing"

Harris: I've got a problem with that.

So here I'm dealing with a person who if finds out that the Quran has mentioned that there's day outside then he'd end up

arguing that no its night. His hatred is unmatched and intellectual dishonesty is grave. Here again Harris makes a vague try and mentions even if 65% of our body is made up of water it doesn't means we're all made of water. Am I reading a sane person here? Where in world did the Quran mentioned that every living thing is made 100% out of water? What it mentions is that the comprises of water, a proportion of essential water i.e. the cytoplasm which is a basic content of all living cells. The Quran again accurately tells a scientific fact but I guess I'd have to prescribe some medicine of indigestion to Harris so that he may digest it right. Another interesting thing I noted that Harris googled with the keywords "Everything made of water in ancient myths", found the name of Thales, pasted that in his book without any original text, just to find something before the Quran to make a point, missed the trick, what Thales actually said was that the earth is floating on water (which is scientifically incorrect) hence water is the real entity because its everywhere. But Harris either didn't know his error or intentionally missed it so that he could write his name and feel proud about his google search. But again I'd encourage the readers to google "Everything made of water" themselves and see overwhelming results on the Quran and regarding its verse and then witness the hatred of this man who skipped hundreds of such results and went on to adopt an inaccurate one to water his hatred again!

Embryology in the Quran:

Yet again Prof. Dr. Harris Sultan throws light through his scientific knowledge and discoveries and tries to debunk a Quranic verse. Unlucky for him in the way through he found me and I'd have to wake him up now. Harris now states a series of embryonic fallacies and tries to attribute them to the Quran but in turn it refutes himself. The Quranic embryonic knowledge has been acknowledged by top notch embryologists

of the world which I'll quote later but first let's see what Harris comes up to begin with.

Harris quotes a verse which mentions the fluid of creation emerging from the region of backbone and ribs. He yet again manipulates the Quran but not only that this time the science as well.

Firstly, we will examine the Quranic verse that describes the location of seminal fluid prior to being discharged. Literal translation of Quran 86:6-7:

“(Man is) created from gushing water (which) comes out from between the backbone and the ribs”

In other words, just prior to gushing or coming out of the body, seminal fluid is located between the backbone and the ribs.

At first glance, a layman might think that semen comes out from the testicles. While the sperm is produced in the testicles, neither is the sperm nor is the seminal fluid (essential for natural fertilization) anywhere near them prior to ejaculation. The verse specifically mentions the entire fluid, and not just the sperm “component”. So let's examine the process of emission, where all the components of semen are joined. Sperm is stored in the epididymis, which is not in the testicles, but above them. The Sperm which comprises 2 to 5% of the seminal fluid, travels from the epididymis up through the Vas Deferens duct and around the bladder. Together, the seminal vesicle and the prostate gland produce 90% of the fluid in semen. This mixture travels through the prostate and is joined by mucus from the bulbourethral glands, just below the prostate. The scientific links for confirmation are given below:

www.webmd.com/sex-relationships/guide/male-reproductive-system?page=2

en.allexperts.com/e/s/se/semen.htm
en.allexperts.com/e/e/ej/ejaculation.htm

It is at this point that semen is fully formed, comprising both the sperm and the seminal fluids. As we can see, just prior to coming out of the body, all components of semen are mixed near the prostate, which is centered in the body, between the backbone and the ribs, or between the spine and the chest, which is between the back and front of the abdomen or torso, and most certainly not in the testicles or in the lower body at all.

Someone might object by saying: the ribs are too high to say “the prostate is between the backbone & the ribs.” To this objection, we answer that: the head is still between the shoulders even though it is too high, & the genitals are still between the legs, even though they are too high.

Now let’s check the verse again:

“(Man is) created from gushing water (which) comes out from between the backbone and the ribs”.

This precise scientific description could not have been known 1400 years ago, and even today most people don’t know it.

Secondly,

Semen does not come from the testicles. (only the sperm is produced there, which comprises 2-5% of semen). And as we saw earlier, Semen is actually formed near the prostate. All other nutrients it has comes from all over the body, different parts and specially the ribs and backbone region. This pretty much clears the doubt created by Harris once again and proves his scientific knowledge to be below average, in fact poor.

I’d again not miss the opportunity to mention the hatred of Harris and the intellectual dishonesty yet again as he didn’t mention the contents of semen, or either he didn’t know them at all.

In Conclusion:

The Quran clearly mentions the scientific fact, before it was known, about where semen becomes fully formed before “gushing” out. Semen includes the sperm and seminal fluids, which are both absolutely required for natural fertilization. The Quran accurately states that this fluid (gushing water) is between the backbone and the ribs prior to coming out of the body, as seen from the profile view of the male anatomy. Those attempting to discredit this Quranic verse, simply demonstrate their own lack of scientific knowledge regarding the male reproductive system.

Adopting Harris’s Method for a Minute:

So throughout this chapter of scientific points Harris has adopted a delusory method to undermine the Quranic scientific verses. Like he says even a ‘layman’ would know that even a ‘layperson’ can tell the sperm goes inside the woman and hence baby is born so what’s so special about it? For a minute, I’ll adopt this same method and apply it to all scientific discoveries. For example, even a layman knows that if an apple falls from the tree it always goes to naturally there’d be something pulling it down so what special did Newton do by discovering gravity? Also, even a layman sometimes tells you a decent remedy to treat fever or some other diseases and it does work as well, so does that mean all the medical practitioners, scientists and their research goes in vain because a layman accidentally said the same thing before him or even after?

So here we understood the difference between an accident and a specified claim about something which describes the details of a specific phenomenon unlike a layman who could coincidentally tell something but can’t narrate you its details. Also with Harris’s same method we can conclude that Prophet Muhammad PBUH would not claim something common or a layman thing and call

it a miracle, invite people towards Islam though it, claim it God's words because even the layman would know that so what's the miracle then? It is bound to be something special and truly a knowledge no one had at that time otherwise the Arabs opposing the Prophet PBUH would have refuted that at once as it reached them that we knew it or even a layman knows it so there's nothing special in it. But even given to their enmity and hostility to the Prophet PBUH they weren't able to do that.

A final point that again it was highly unlikely that the Prophet PBUH had acquired some knowledge at that time which he was the only one to know in the whole of the Arabs and no one else knew it. It is quite natural if that was a layman thing other people would've known it but as they didn't so it wasn't a 'layman' thing but something extraordinary. Only that after the development of science today we know it including Harris so he's calling it a layman thing but in reality it wasn't even a hundred years back because modern embryology just developed some 50-60 years ago.

Quranic Embryology and Greek Knowledge?

Before Analyzing the Greek knowledge, let me first get the approach of discussing this matter straight and clear.

The Greek knowledge of embryology is not the same like what is in the Quran.

Even if it is the same, that doesn't prove the Prophet PBUH plagiarized it.

If in case one persists, he has to prove the point mentioned to be wrong.

I will explain the accuracy of the Quranic embryonic verses later with objective references but first let me analyze the Greek embryology.

As claimed, the description of the embryology mentioned in the Quran reflects the view of Galen common in the 5th century, in reality it wasn't so common, so much so that its meanings were first understood in the late 17th century. Moreover, the errors in the writings of Galen which are confirmable now are absent in the Quran. So the basic point rises against plagiarism that if one has copied or borrowed some stuff from someone he copies all including mistakes, but if mistakes aren't copied, either of the two situations might be at work, 1) The work of the later is not plagiarized but it is his patent work. 2) Any similarity is completely coincidental.

In the given case, if we agree for the sake of argument that the Prophet PBUH learned the Greek knowledge from an odd person which by the way isn't true at all, an evidence doesn't work on "would have, could have or should have" but it works on confirmable proofs which aren't present in the case presented by Harris which again by the way have copied that all from online. Mind you I don't criticize him copying stuff online he can do that as he does on wholesale levels, but if he is plagiarizing something at least reconfirm it before pasting it down in a book you're going to publish. What level of irony it becomes into when he's trying to criticize Islam of plagiarism while he does that himself more than anyone. To get an idea do search the literature written against Quranic embryology and match it with Harris's work and find for yourself 99% similarity. Then again the question arises if all that literature was already present online why was there any need for Harris to paste it down in his book again? Yes, its hatred again.

Coming back to the Greek embryology, let me mention for you some of the points Galen mentioned which aren't scientifically accurate and aren't present in the Quran as well:

Galen adopted the view that the semen came from blood. He writes:

“An artery and a vein are observed to go to each of the testicles, not in a straight path, as they do all other parts, but twisting first in many shapes, like grape tendrils or ivy and in these many twists that they make before reaching the testicles you can see the blood gradually growing white. And finally, when the vessel has now reached the testicle, the substance of the semen is clearly visible in it but they generated it from blood, which spent a great deal of time in them; for this is the use of the twisting. And as they altered the quality of the blood they changed it to semen.”⁹²

Galen also asserts that the semen from both the male and female mix with menstrual blood. In his book *On Semen*, he dedicates a whole section on disagreeing with Aristotle's position that the male semen mixes with the female menstrual blood, and articulates a case for the mother contributing semen as well as the menstrual blood to form the fetus.⁹³ Galen concludes that the formation of the fetus arises from the mixing of the two semens, from the mother and the father, plus menstrual blood.

So it's pretty obvious that if (in case) the Quran was copied it could easily have made a verse or two with the above mentioned things, but it didn't. Why a person copies something? Naturally because he doesn't know it himself, then how can someone who is copying a knowledge he doesn't know distinguish between the right and wrong? Specially a knowledge which no one in the whole peninsula would know so it was kind of an alien knowledge back then.

Coming to Galen's point again. As mentioned it is not what is in the Quran. The Quran mentions four distinct stages with

⁹² Corpus Medicorum Graecorum: Galeni de Semine (Galen: On Semen) pages, 107 – 109.

⁹³ Ibid, pages 162 – 167.

distinct implications while the stages mentioned by Galen are different. Galen specifically mentions semen converting into blood while the Quran mentions it converting into a clinging leach-like substance. As for the meanings, they're derived from authentic linguistic sources of the Arabic language namely Al Qamos and Lisan al-Arab. No one has the right to make a silly objection on a lexical meaning of a word containing in a language the objector doesn't know, neither have read its meanings in the text books of that language yet make claims about it. The meaning of the word 'Alaqah' derives from the clinging function of leach in Arabic language and it's an established and renowned lexical meaning of it in all dialects of the Arabs. While Harris tries to manipulate it again, this time by giving a hadith of Bukhari (Vol. 4, Chapter 54, Hadith 430) which has the word blood clot in its translation, while he forgot to read the Arabic text of that hadith which has the same word 'Alaqah' and not any other word which is translated as leach-like substance. But of course as Harris doesn't know Arabic, he brought the translation he wished in hatred.

Next, the Quran mentions four different words for the embryonic stages, all four different and of course have different meaning. First the 'Alaqah' Leach-like substance (In appearance), then the 'Mudghah' Chewed lump of flesh, third stage 'Idhama' meaning the bones and the last stage 'Lahm' the flesh. Now match these with Galen's embryology and it doesn't resemble what is mentioned in the Quran. Galen's four stages are:

1. Semen
2. Blood
3. Flesh
4. Fully Formed

While the Quranic stages:

1. Leach-Like Substance
2. Chewed Lump of Flesh
3. Bones
4. Fleshed

Now even a 'layman' can recognize that based on the texts, both the stages are not similar. What the Quran mentions is more detailed descriptions of the embryo and creation while Galen's description is a roughly told idea of what might have been happening. Another question may arise that why the Quran had to mention the appearances when it was already mentioning the process of creation? The Quran actually mentioned the appearance of the embryo at initial stages which no one would know at that time, even the abortions take place after the stage of structural development, so what would be a news? To mention the shape of the embryo of the later stages which of course would look like a human so that can't be a news. What's considered information is to mention the shape of the embryo of the very initial stages whose shape isn't like human and no one would know that even the dissectors of that time. This is the very dishonesty which Harris committed again, he presented a figure of the later stage embryo which is a structural embryo and was visible with dissections those days as well, but the very early stage embryo that clings to the wall of uterus like a leach and couldn't be explored by dissections but the modern day Ultrasounds only was mentioned by the Quran. The ultrasonic figure of the embryo is given below:



Here we see the 3-week embryo is nowhere looking like a kidney but a leach. Even the starting 1-2 week embryos resembles the quality of leach as well as mentioned before by clinging to the wall of the uterus. While the 5-week embryo may look like a kidney and that's the dishonesty Harris committed again as he committed one by comparing Galen's mistake of no female role with the Quran's description. Firstly, an absence of mention at one place doesn't mean rejection of the phenomenon. Secondly, there's no absence of mention either as the Quran is only describing the embryonic development stages not the genetic roles of parents at one place. But The Prophet PBUH did also discussed the genetic roles of parents as well as the Hadith states:

Umm Salama r.a (Wife of the Prophet PBUH) reported:

“Umm Sulaim went to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and said: Apostle of Allah, Allah is not ashamed of the truth. Is bathing necessary for a woman when she has a sexual dream? Upon this the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: Yes, when she sees the liquid (vaginal secretion). Umm Salama said: Messenger of Allah, does a woman have sexual dream? He (the Holy Prophet) said: Let your hand be covered with dust, in what way does her child resemble her?”⁹⁴

⁹⁴ Bukhari 130 – Muslim 313

In another Narration the Prophet PBUH said, “Yes, the discharge of whom (male or female) becomes dominant, the child resembles him/her.”⁹⁵

So the Prophet PBUH precisely described the genetic roles of parents as well as both the Hadiths first mentions an equal role of woman which refutes Harris’s claim of attributing Galen’s error to the Quran. I’d again urge the readers to keep asking yourself how is it possible for the Prophet PBUH to skip all errors from Galen’s and only take the right things (he didn’t take any as mentioned but for the sake of argument)? Also, stretching the imagination for a second that the embryonic stages were plagiarized then who told the Prophet PUBH about the genetics? Is it Greeks again? How can he define genetics precisely 14 centuries before they were even discovered?

The Prophet PBUH perfectly described that both the genes of male and female joins together and the gene of whom comes out to be dominant the child acquires its traits. We know this now that there are two types genes, 1) Dominant 2) Recessive. While in fertilization the gene which shows up being dominant that defines the embryo’s genetic make-up. Who told the Prophet PBUH about all that now? Also, the Prophet PBUH defined equal roles of male and female in fertilizing embryo hundreds of years before anyone could and in an era where myths were predominant in the society and no female role was ever considered in a child. The Prophet PBUH not only described equal roles but also told that it’s not only the male which releases something (semen) but it’s also the female which releases something (egg) in fertilization which plays its equal part as mentioned in the hadiths above. I again ask, who told the Prophet PBUH about perfectly sound embryology and genetics? In an era where even the Greeks wouldn’t consider a role of

⁹⁵ Sahihah 1342

woman in a child! The Arabs were filled with similar myths, Who is that Who's telling all that except for the Creator Himself!

To conclude this topic, I'd say if I give my opinion or say on medical sciences or religion and theology then I may have the right to do so as I hold degrees in both the fields and have published papers in both disciplines. But what right does Harris have to open up his mouth on the fields he doesn't he know? Even then I don't just keep it to myself to confirm the Quranic embryological descriptions but would end this by giving the objective reference of a person who's considered as the father of the modern embryology Dr. Keith L. Moore. No doctor can become a doctor without studying his authored books on embryology. His one-minute talk on embryology is equal to 100 years of Harris's talk on embryology. Let us see what Dr. Keith Moore said about the Quranic embryology and its details:

"Statements referring to human reproduction and development are scattered throughout the Qur'an. It is only recently that the scientific meaning of some of these verses has been appreciated fully. The long delay in interpreting these verses correctly resulted mainly from inaccurate translations and commentaries and from a lack of awareness of scientific knowledge.

Interest in explanations of the verses of the Qur'an is not new. People used to ask the prophet *Muhammad* all sorts of questions about the meaning of verses referring to human reproduction. The Apostle's answers form the basis of the Hadith literature.

It is mentioned in the Quran:

"He makes you in the wombs of your mothers in stages, one after another, in three veils of darkness." (Quran 36:6)

This statement is from Sura 39:6. We do not know when it was realized that human beings underwent development in the

uterus (womb), but the first known illustration of a fetus in the uterus was drawn by *Leonardo da Vinci* in the 15th century. In the 2nd century A.D., *Galen* described the placenta and fetal membranes in his book "On The Formation of the Foetus." Consequently, doctors in the 7th century A.D. likely knew that the human embryo developed in the uterus. It is unlikely that they knew that it developed in stages, even though *Aristotle* had described the stages of development of the chick embryo in the 4th century B.C. The realization that the human embryo develops in stages was not discussed and illustrated until the 15th century.

After the microscope was discovered in the 17th century by *Leeuwenhoek* descriptions were made of the early stages of the chick embryo. The staging of human embryos was not described until the 20th century. *Streeter* (1941) developed the first system of staging which has now been replaced by a more accurate system proposed by *O'Rahilly* (1972).

"The three veils of darkness" may refer to: (1) the anterior abdominal wall; (2) the uterine wall; and (3) the amniochorionic membrane. Although there are other interpretations of this statement, the one presented here seems the most logical from an embryological point of view."⁹⁶

Finally, Harris hasn't done anything except for misquoting, mistranslating, misinterpreting and misrepresenting the Islamic sources. Like taking the name of Harith ibn Kalada, a person about whom he doesn't know anything but his name. But look at his huge conjectures based on knowing a name that the Prophet PBUH took knowledge from him. Firstly, how could the Prophet PBUH pick and choose the right and wrong from that knowledge? Is there any evidence of any person or even a

⁹⁶ Philosophical and Scientific Analysis of Richard Dawkins' God Delusion: P 102-103

third party baring witness to that? Did Harith ibn Kalada claim something like that? If no and certainly no, the knowledge in contention doesn't match each other, then who is Harris Sultan to make a story out of it! Concocting with the same principle he even quoted Abdullah ibn Abi Sarh and added his own words in his mouth which aren't present in any authentic narration and again made a blatant lie against Islam as usual.

Salt and Fresh Water:

For the first time here I'd like to thank Harris for explaining how the salt and fresh water works, so yeah this is what the Quran said. Thank you again.

P.s. the Quran is talking about water of the 'seas', not of glass, lake or any other thing.

Body of the Pharaoh:

So again Harris wasted his digital ink and page space on something he couldn't prove anything of but yeah just got a heading out of it. Honestly these points of his doesn't deserve more than a line from me but still for the sake of book format I'm writing this off. The Quran mentioned the preservation of the body, not the way it'd be done because if the way is told then people wouldn't perceive a miracle in it as the mechanism would be commonly known then, while we know the sea have high concentrations of salt some more than the other, hence the Pharaoh's body and its preservation is an acclaimed fact which Harris can't deny by creating a conspiracy theory on Dr. Maurice Bucaille.

Knowledge of the Mountains:

Thanking Harris again here for taking out time sharing his rocky knowledge. Yes, this has what the Quran explained. The mountains are rooted and repeating again the Quran has

mentioned this fact which is invisible for people as no one at that time would have gone underneath a mountain to see how's it's like underneath, the Quran is not mentioning how they're made because that wouldn't interest a layman back then, while Harris still continuing with his complaints that why God didn't make the mountains like that or why He didn't say this or that, he also did a very interesting thing, this time Harris mentioned a couple of biblical verses to show this knowledge the Quran explained was present before that. Firstly, where did God said in the Quran that I haven't revealed this knowledge somewhere else before or its only present here in the Quran? By quoting a biblical verse what Harris did unknowingly is that he agreed to divine nature of Semitic religions. The Quran is absolutely categorical in accepting Moses and Jesus PBUH as true Prophets and their books as divinely revealed yet corrupted with time because God willed it so as He'd reveal the Quran as final revelation in future to preserve the true message of those books possessed. As for the copying factor then the answer is the same, how could Prophet Muhammad PBUH would pick and choose the right and wrong out of the bible? He skipped every error and only took the right part out of it? Also, even if for the sake of argument, we agree he knew it is in the bible before as well then he reaffirmed and reconfirmed it in the Quran as a fact taking the responsibility on his shoulders. Lastly, there was no need for the description Harris provided regarding the mountains as the Quranic fact was established with the first shot he provided himself, I've really started to feel for that guy now!

The Darkness:

Hahahahaha. Oh Harris Harris Harris! What have you become in hatred! Not sure where this darkness is more, in the thoughts of Harris or the bottom of the seas! He had nothing to say yet ended up with some line, maybe he was in deep sleep obsessed and writing it up in dream, so naturally he wouldn't realize

mentioning a creation means to urge the reader how it's made and to ponder on its magnificence. I'm really feeling even more for him now, poor he, cruel me!

Harris the Scientist and Cerebrum:

So now Harris the Scientist has introduced his own sciences which has suspended the previous sciences. He has ended up making the Frontal lobe (Frontal=Front) of the brain into the posterior lobe. I'd like to extend my wishes with congratulations and sympathies at the same time for such a huge discovery. I hope we doctors would take heed from it and change the models of brain we study after this breakthrough research by respected Prof. Dr. Harris Sultan.

Water Cycle and Rain:

While the Quran mentioned a perfectly accurate water cycle Harris couldn't point out anything in it so what did he do? He again went to the Greeks and looked for something similar. Again he couldn't find it apart from some names, no textual similarities provided neither a reference yet he ended up with another outline to share. Don't know this time google failed him or he failed himself.

Shape of the Earth:

I sometimes in fact many times wonder a person who doesn't know a language yet stubbornly brags about it as if he's an expert in it and point out mistakes in translations as if he's the linguist to decide on the correct translation. As Arabic is a versatile language, many a times translators prefer different meanings or words to translate a particular word from Arabic to English. I challenge Harris to show me a single word translated by a Muslim translator which isn't in the basic Arabic dictionaries and text books like Lisan al-Arab and Al Qamos. The fact is that it has never happened so what's the problem does

Harris have with that then? The translators look for the right meanings from the basic sources of Arabic and then translate a particular word from the Quran. What Harris want maybe is they should do a wrong translation why does they're ending up with the right ones and that gives him real pain. Having said all that the Quran gives a clear verse on earth being round in shape yet making it habitable to walk straight. These aren't the only proofs for in fact the hadiths also confirm this fact that the earth is round, for example:

“On the Day of Qiyamah the earth will be like a loaf of bread and Allah will turn it over as one of you turns over his bread when on a journey. It will be given as hospitality to the dwellers of Jannah”⁹⁷

So the hadith mentions that only on the day of judgement would the earth will be made flat like a loaf of bread which clearly means it's not flat at the moment. Not to forget that it was a time when even the Christians and almost all civilizations would consider the earth being flat and the Quran and Ahadith mentioned it to be round in shape. Yes, that's some news!

Geocentric Model?

Honestly, when I read this 'scientific' chapter of Harris I understood he doesn't know any science at all but still for the sake of the book I'd write a line or two addressing every point that he made. But I never decided to address nonsense. Neither would I do. This person who himself gives the answer and solution to what's he's talking about crazily refutes himself and wastes pages to add insult to injury to himself. The Sun's rotation in its orbit around the milky way is an astronomical fact. The Quran mentions it and what nonsense Harris brings about it? No Muhammad PBUH wouldn't know this so it can't

⁹⁷ Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 6520, Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 2792

be meaning! I highly doubt if this person is sane. Dude! This is why he's the Prophet of God because he knows things other people don't know! Not only that he ends up quoting a hadith which again confirms the movement of the sun which was again considered stationary by people before that and claims a thing i.e. the sun orbiting around the earth which isn't mentioned in the hadith at all! No, I can answer doubts but not nonsense!

Sun and the Moon:

I again asked myself should I answer it. Nowhere did the Quran mention the Sun and the Moon being similar but this man again concocted a meaning out of it which isn't mentioned at all like the geocentric model. The collision of the celestial objects is an astronomical fact again, denying that would make you a fool again like you are. Moreover, no one except God knows which celestial object will collide with another in future. The Earth's stability is reliant on both sun and the moon, if in future they both collide which is very much possible given sun running out of mass and its gravity disturbing the orbiting planets and their moons, so the earth would experience havoc in absence of its moon exactly what the Quran said and not that they're similar!

Miracles:

The basic belief about miracles is that it is an event which is different and unlike the normal routine events and it makes up as an evidence for the Prophethood of the Prophet performing it with God's help. While the events like the Moon splitting, the seas splitting, a flying horse, Jonah surviving in the belly of whale are first of all meant to be miraculous events and aren't claimed to be routine events either. Secondly, all of them have circumstantial and historical evidences and witnesses affirming the events to be true. Quite naturally if God can create physical laws He can undo them for a while as well. For me answering this thing to an Atheist would be of great surprise as these

miracles are certainly of lesser awe than the universe coming from nothing, so they already believe in a bigger miracle than what a theist believes. Even then I'd provide some facts regarding those miracles, for example the splitting of the moon:

Cheraman Perumal, (Tajuddin. r.a) king of India-Kodungallur, Kerala (AD 622-628. Hijra 1-7) was the first Indian to accept Islam. Many historians have recorded this fact in their writings. Kerala is a state of India. The state stretches for 360 miles (580 kilometers) along the Malabar Coast on the southwestern side of the Indian peninsula. King Chakrawati Farmas of Malabar was a Chera king, Cheraman perumal of Kodungallure. He is recorded to have seen the moon split. The incident is documented Hamidulla writes in "Muhammad Rasoolullah PBUH in a manuscript kept at the India Office Library, London, reference number: Arabic, 2807, 152-173 A group of Muslim merchants passing by Malabar on their way to China spoke to the king about how God had supported the Arabian Prophet with the miracle of splitting of the moon. The shocked king said he had seen it with his own eyes as well, deputized his son, and left for Arabia to meet the Prophet in person. He embraced Islam at the hand of the Prophet PBUH and when returning home, at the direction of the Prophet, died at the port of Zafar, Yemen, (Salalah-Oman) where the tomb of the Indian king was piously visited for many centuries.⁹⁸

So here we have a historical evidence for the splitting of moon. Also if we see, the flying horse on which the Prophet PBUH travelled was named 'Buraq' meaning light. Indicating that it was an animal that would travel with the speed of light and today we know with Einstein's theory of relativity that the only way to travel between dimensions and breaking the Space-time barrier is by traveling with the speed of light. Hence the conveyance was

⁹⁸ <http://www.cyberistan.org/islamic/farmas.html>

accurately mentioned in the incident when no one would know the fact behind it. Also, the non-Believers wouldn't believe it first and asked the Prophet PBUH to describe Al Aqsa mosque to them because they knew he haven't ever visited that place and it was a forty-day journey from Makkah to Al Aqsa those days hence the Prophet couldn't have travelled there in one night. The Prophet PBUH accurately described Al Aqsa mosque including the number of its doors and windows hence the non-believers were tongue tied after that. So in short it is childish to raise such questions on the phenomenon Harris doesn't know himself!

Milk?

Harris continues to manipulate the Quranic verses. The Quran didn't deny the milk being produced by the mammary glands in fact it says the source of it comes from the energy deriving from the food being metabolized at the belly meaning stomach and liver, excreting the energy into blood and the blood provides energy to the whole body but the blood is red and food is also unlike milk hence the Quran talks about this conversion of metabolism of food into blood and then making milk which is white in color and totally different in nature and nutrients.

Also, the Quran mentions when the milk is extracted out of the cow it is pure while Harris mentioned it can be contaminated afterwards while the Quran is not talking what happens after the milk is extracted out of the cow but how it is produced inside the cow which is absolutely pure.

Concluding Remarks:

I'm done with this guy now and would move to my book my way, but before that let me show you the attitude of Harris while writing a critique on Quran that it isn't one that of a researcher but a person who's spilling his hatred out of his mouth. For

instance, the animals are created for humans, what's the problem in that? No problem at all but he still tries to find a problem in it. Moreover, from the scientific points he moves directly to authenticity of the Quran while missing a lots of more scientific verses of the Quran. Why he couldn't do it because they're no less than a thousand in number and it's out of his reach. Coming to the authenticity part, Harris is absolutely unaware to the science of Asma al Rijal and Jarah wa Tadeel which is a specific science to test the authenticity of even a single verse or hadith being narrated. With this science we can test whether the verse or narration in contention is authentic or not. So it's never been a problem for the Muslims to judge the authenticity of the Quran and Ahadith. Exactly the way I recognized the narrations Harris provided from Ibn Ishaq are inauthentic and the propaganda on the incorrect or lost verses is absolutely a fabrication. Imagine a person arguing on authenticity providing all inauthentic stuff himself!

As for modification, it's also a specified science of Nasikh and Mansookh (Abrogation) well explained by the Prophet PBUH himself, his companions and all the exegetes of the Quran. It's never been a problem again. In fact, modification is not the right word either, the abrogated verses are a part of the Quran and they exhibit the history and science through which they were eventually made non-obligatory for Muslims to follow that remembers them the concessions God gave them with time.

And Lastly, violence. I've answered it in detail before. But to conclude I'd like to mention that the Prophet PBUH had never killed someone, he was the most peace loving person to have lived. Violence never lasts for long and peace is everlasting. And witness for ourselves that the doctrines of Hitlers and Mussolinis have died and the doctrine of Muhammad PBUH is alive for 14 centuries and would stay alive forever!

The Blessings of God

“Certainly, Allah’s only Way is Islam. Those who were given the Scripture did not dispute ‘among themselves’ out of mutual envy until knowledge came to them. Whoever denies Allah’s signs, then surely Allah is swift in reckoning.”⁹⁹

We learned throughout this book that a person who calls his own creator as curse and describes his story of leaving the religion proudly was misled by inadequate, incomplete and inauthentic knowledge hence he was wasted. But we as Muslims know that the right knowledge coming from the right and authentic sources solves up all the problems we face in the society and specially it fulfills our spiritual needs. Allah chose the religion of Islam for humanity and it is not merely a religion but a way of life. A complete guideline of how to live a happy, peaceful and prosperous life. He sent down His messengers to guide all of the humanity and the chain of Prophethood completed with last and final messenger of Allah, Prophet Muhammad, May peace blessings and salutations of Allah be upon him. Not only he guided humanity from darkness of evil doing to the light of everlasting peace i.e. Islam. Honestly I’d say that people like Harris Sultan don’t even deserve to read the sacred message with their evil whims but because my Prophet PBUH sent letters to non-Muslims containing Quranic verses so I do the same.

As for a person getting misled and falling into the pit of darkness, depression, craziness and ignorance, the chances though might be in fractions but they are present. We witnessed through Harris what ignorance can do. So the best way to cope with ignorance is by knowledge. So know your God, your Prophet, and your religion and witness the Blessings of God yourself! In

⁹⁹ Al Quran 3:19

the following I'd introduce all of these for the easiness of my reader inshaAllah.

Belief:

The most important thing about belief i.e. the Muslim belief is to identify the ways to learn belief and then to act on them for life. How did Allah teach us belief? The simple answer is through his Prophet, but how do we recognize him? The answer is given by Allah Himself so we should follow the methodology given by Allah Himself to identify His Prophet.

Prophesies:

Allah didn't force a human to believe in Him and His messenger blind folded. But He gave those evidences to us with which we surely affirm the belief. Prophesies are a big part of affirming it alongside miracles, in fact prophesy is a kind of miracle itself. In the following I'd adopt the same methodology and provide the fulfilled prophesies of Prophet Muhammad PBUH and show the way of belief.

1. Bedouins Competing for Tall Buildings:

As we know that the Bedouins were considered the poorest people in the Arabian-peninsula. No one would have ever thought of that one day they could build tall buildings, but this was what prophesized by Prophet Muhammad PBUH as follows:

“And you will see barefoot naked poor
shepherds/Bedouins vying with one another in the construction
of buildings”¹⁰⁰

We're witnessing now that the same Bedouins once the poorest but now after the discovery of crude oil in their lands are

¹⁰⁰ Sahih Muslim Hadith no.1

building the world's tallest buildings. Burj Al Khalifa the tallest in the world and many other tall buildings are alone present in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, the land of Bedouins!

2. Spreading of New Diseases When Sexual Immorality is at the Highest:

The Prophet PBUH said:

“O Muhajirun, there are five things with which you will be tested, and I seek refuge with Allah lest you live to see them: Sexual Immorality never appears among a people to such an extent that they commit it openly, but plagues and diseases that were never known among the predecessors will spread among them.”¹⁰¹

This is a magnificent prophesy which can be witnessed in the present times by everyone. This era is the era of sexual immorality where nudity, fornication, homosexuality and rapes are at their highest. We saw AIDS spreading from out of wedlock sexual activities as a new disease and many other new diseases arriving like SARS and Ebola which were never present before. So another mind blowing prophesy of the Prophet PBUH becoming true before our very eyes.

3. Interest would become Common:

We know that with advent of Islam in Arabia, interest was completely wiped out from the whole region including all where the Muslims ruled for the next centuries, but the Prophet PBUH prophesized that it'll become so common that even who wants to stay away from it would still feel its effect:

“The Prophet PBUH said: "There will certainly come a time for mankind when everyone will take riba (interest) and if he does

¹⁰¹ Ibn Majah : 4019 Sahih

not do so, its dust will reach him.”¹⁰² (Abu Dawud, Kitab al-Buyu', Bab fi ijtinabi al-shubuhah; also in Ibn Majah)

SubhanAllah!

4. Spread of Writing:

The Prophet PBUH while describing one of the signs of the end of times said:

“The pen will prevail”¹⁰³

At the time of the Prophet PBUH there were a total of 17 literate people only among the Arabs. Literacy books were scarce. But today alone on Amazon there are 33 million books, this perfectly fulfills another prophesy of the Prophet PBUH.

5. Arabia Turing Green:

The land of Arabia is famous for desserts, dry and infertile land. It was like that at the time of the Prophet PBUH too. But the Prophet PBUH prophesized two things, 1) It was green before 2) It will become green again. He PBUH said:

“The Prophet PBUH said, The hour will not begin until the land of the Arabs once again becomes meadows and rivers.”¹⁰⁴

Both probabilities were impossible to predict given the current situation at the time, but the Prophet PBUH did it again with the divine knowledge he received through revelations. Detailed article by the BBC on the Arabian lands used to be green can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20150223-arabia-was-once-a-lush-paradise>

¹⁰² Musnad Ahmed: 10191 (Sahih according to Suyuti)

¹⁰³ Adab al-Mufrad – Sahih according to Albani

¹⁰⁴ Muslim

While as for the present day Arabia, that's rapidly turning green with the new biotechnical/Tissue Culture techniques and is there for the beholder to see with his own eyes the prophesy getting fulfilled.



A waterfall (once barren) in the Dhofar mountains of Oman
(Credit: Hanne & Jens Eriksen / NPL)

6. Rapid Spread of Islam:

Islam started with a handful of people. A total of forty odd people embraced Islam during the first Makkan phase of Islam. After the migration to medina the count increased but still it was in fractions as compared to the total population of the world at that time and was only predominant in the Arabia until the Prophet PBUH passed away. But the Prophet PBUH prophesized that there will be a rapid spread of Islam and that too all over the globe. He PBUH said: “My Lord folded for me the earth, so much so that I saw its easts and wests (i.e. the extremities). The kingdom of my community will reach as far as the earth was folded for me.”¹⁰⁵

So the Prophet PBUH prophesized the spread of Islam and Islamic states all over the globe including easts and wests. Now

¹⁰⁵ Abu Dawud: 4252 – Sahih according to Albani

we know that there are no less than 58 Islamic states in the world compared to one at that time and close to 2 billion Muslims compared to one hundred thousand at the time of the Prophet PBUH. SubhanAllah!

7. Decorated Mosques:

The Prophet PBUH prophesized another sign of the last hour as:

“When you start decorating your mosques and adorning your mus-hafs, then await your destruction.”¹⁰⁶

The mosques used to be simple structures at the time of the Prophet PBUH with no decoration at all. But today we see one of the most decorated mosques are built all over the world more than what was ever built. That fulfills another of the Prophet’s prophesy precisely.



8. The Byzantium Triumph:

It is in the Quran:

¹⁰⁶ Tirmidhi: 585 – Sahih according to Albani

“The Romans have been defeated. In the neighboring land; but after their defeat they shall gain victory in a few years”¹⁰⁷

The Romans were vanquished in the neighboring land of the Arabs. In those days the Byzantine occupied territories adjacent to Arabia were Jordan, Syria and Palestine, and in these territories the Romans were completely overpowered by the Iranians in 615 A. D. The Persian invasions started from 613 A.D. and inside two years the romans were defeated bad in their lands. But as the Quran mentioned the in a coming few years the romans will gain victory again and get their lands back. We know by the historical facts that Heraclius started his counter attack in 623 A.D. from Armenia. Next year, in 624 A.D., he entered Azerbaijan and destroyed Clorumia, the birthplace of Zoroaster, and ravaged the principal fire temple of Iran.

The Byzantine forces continued to press the Iranians hard and in the decisive battle at Nineveh (627 A.D.) they dealt them the hardest blow. They captured the royal residence of Dastagerd, and then pressing forward reached right opposite to Ctesiphon, capital of Iran in those days. In 628 A. D. in an internal revolt, Khusrau Parvez was imprisoned and 18 of his sons were executed in front of him and a few days later he himself died in the prison. This was the year when the peace treaty of Hudaibiya was concluded, which the Quran has termed as "the supreme victory", and in this very year Khusrau's son, Qubad II, gave up all the occupied Roman territories, restored the True Cross and made peace with Byzantium. In 628 A.D. which turned out to be the decisive roman victory as the Quran prophesized!

9. Mongol Invasions:

No one could have ever thought that a small country from a remote region in the far east would come to the middle east and

¹⁰⁷ Al Quran: 30-1,2

west and conquer them to rule for a century i.e. the Mongols. The Prophet PBUH precisely prophesized this happening, He PBUH said:

“The Final Hour will not come until you fight the Turks, who have small eyes, red faces and flat noses. It is as if their faces were shields covered with skin. The Final Hour will not come until you fight a people with hair sandals”¹⁰⁸



(Illustration of a Mongol General from the Mongol Empire)

It is no secret about the appearance of the Mongols and the details provided by the Prophet PBUH in the given hadith absolutely matches them. And this prophesy came true when the Mongols attacked the Muslim lands, destroyed Baghdad and dismantled the Seljuk empire until the Mamluks of Egypt defeated them and they were wiped out from the region.

¹⁰⁸ Bukhari: 2771

10. The Government Forms:

The Prophet PBUH prophesized the government forms after him which of course can't be predicted ever as the state matters change in a whisker of a second. But the truthfulness of the Prophet PBUH's Prophethood was once again established with another fulfilled prophesy of his (as it always happened). The Prophet PBUH said:

“The Prophethood will remain amongst you for as long as Allah wills it to be. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be the khilafah upon the Prophetic methodology. And it will last for as long as Allah wills it to last. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be biting kingship, and it will remain for as long as Allah wills it to remain. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be tyrannical (forceful) kingship and it will remain for as long as Allah wills it to remain. Then He will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be a khilafah upon the Prophetic methodology.”¹⁰⁹

In another Hadith he PBUH said:

“The khilafah after me in my Ummah will last for thirty years. Then there will be kingship after that.”¹¹⁰

Again with the historical evidences we know that the Rashidun Caliphate remained for 30 years after the Prophet PBUH and then there was monarchy of two different phases. I can go on and state numerous prophesies of the Prophet PBUH which bare witness to the truthfulness of his Prophethood. But I will conclude this here and I'll move to the next part. Walhamdulillah!

¹⁰⁹ Saheeha: 1/34 no.5 – Sahih according to Albani

¹¹⁰ Sahih al Jami': 3341 – Sahih according to Albani

The Blessings:

Now that we understand and recognize the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad PBUH so we should deeply ponder on the message he brought as well. The Quran is his message which from the first day up till now have kept every person belonging to all fields interested in it. Be it the scientists, they have a thousand verses which keeps them interested in it, be it philosophers, they find out for themselves unmatched philosophy, be it the journalists, they find the Jawami' al Kalim in the Quran those verses with lesser words and broader and vast meanings, similarly the linguists and all types of researchers finds their ultimate interest in the words of Quran. Those of the words and all of them, leads to guidance, belief and hence to the blessings of God. So now we should check and see the message and system the Prophet PBUH brought. And we will find for ourselves countless blessings Allah gave us through this religion of Islam. I will just mention a few to conclude this book.

1. The Blessing in Belief System:

As explained above that once a person starts to belief in true creator he finds the purpose of his life. A person who don't recognize his creator lives a purposeless life. This leads to loss in enthusiasm, encouragement to live and do good and a direction to go. The belief on the contrary solves up these problems in fact it solves up all. A person after recognizing his creator can work according to the will of the creator and eventually becomes a better person for the society. Personally he feels the gratitude for the life he has, he becomes careful with and a caring person for others as well. Islam not only possess and provides all these qualities but it encourages the person with rewards in both the worlds. The belief system as a whole is a blessing for the world and has the potential to solve all the problems that people face.

2. The Blessing in Family System:

Islam is religion, a way of life which provides an ideal family system. All the members of the family unit enjoy their respective rights. No other religion or doctrine provides a better system than Islam. Each of the members in family have their distinct roles and there are even solutions to unpleasant events as well like divorce. The wife would get her rights and the parents have their rights reserved as well. Similarly, with specified roles, responsibilities and direction, there comes peace, tranquility and prosperity in the family and hence in the society which of course atheism doesn't have to offer as no one is bound to do something without religion.

3. The Blessing in Economic System:

When the Prophet PBUH migrated to Medina, he witnessed the Jews had implemented a cruel system in their markets based on discrimination. The Prophet PBUH changed that system into a just system. He provided an ideal finance system which helped the under privileged to rise and that brought the ultimate justice in the society. But in today's world we see the same injustice with the wealthy earning interests and poor suffering for whole of their lives. The same interest which the Prophet PBUH dismantled brought peace, prosperity and happiness in the society and proved to be the ultimate blessing for people. The only way to achieve it again is by adopting this blessing again.

4. The Blessing in Political System:

The Prophet PBUH brought a political system which till date is considered one of the greatest of all times and Time Magazine 1974 version declared the Prophet PBUH the greatest leader of all times. The reason why it so because it has the blessing in it for people they require. The leader is answerable to people and his primary job is the welfare of people. That's the reason the

Prophet PBUH was chosen the most influential person in history by Michael Hart because he brought that blessing with him and made the difference in people's life by the way he governed.

5. The Blessing in the Social System:

The thing that concerns a common man is how the society is working for him. The western society comprises of legal drugs, obscenity at its highest and mental problems at worst. That's the result of a social system which allows the individuals to go where ever they want and do whatever they want, directionless and heedless. But Islam brought a social welfare system that gives the society a direction and make them to adhere to the social values that allows a trauma-less life without a discrimination of race, color or ethnicity. Islam enables people to work on social welfare and work with the local governments as introduced by Omer r.a. So all the governments in the world following that social conduct must thank Islam for bringing that blessing to the world.

6. The Blessing in the Moral Values:

The same social conduct is based on high moral values introduced by Islam which govern the society. Islam brought morality to the world. It brought the solution to the problems the society was facing. The Arab culture would bury the girls alive, they'd kill anybody for tribal prestige, they'd lie, cheat and steal on purpose, but Islam brought an end to all these moral issues. The same Arabs became the people possessing the highest moral values in the world in a matter of a few year time. The conscious of people was trained to develop into the highest level literally from animals to humans. People became more caring courtesy The Prophet PBUH and his companions who led as an example. Atheists don't possess any of such moral obligations of care and affection hence the blessing of moral values must be acknowledged in the world, it'll only make the world a better place.

7. The Blessing in the Justice System:

The world was amess in the dark ages of Europe and the pre-Islamic Arabia when there was close to no justice system at all. Effectively there used to be tribal courts but the executions were only for the weak while the powerful would be set free without reckoning. But Islam changed it all upside down. Everyone became equal in the eyes of court and justice, so much so that the caliph of Islam lost his own case in the Muslim court to a non-Muslim Jew! This is the blessing of the justice system Islam brought and before Allah everyone is equal in the hereafter as well.

8. The Blessing of a Spiritual Life:

The blessing of belief and Islam brings peace and harmony in the society and spirituality in the personal lives of people. People who struggle with the harshness of life finds their abode in the spirituality of belief and Islam. We see atheists in the current world like Harris so desperate for attention because they have no spiritual life in person, this results in developing hatred for other people and a depressed alone time forces them to go in the destructions and negativities of life like alcoholism and other different abuses. But in Islam the best time for a person is the time when he's alone because he can communicate with Allah through prayer, ask His forgiveness and pray for whatever he wants in life. This spirituality ultimately leads to a better mental growth, inner satisfaction and making the person better each passing day. This blessing hence can be named as the blessing in disguise as it doesn't make you feel it's coming but leaves its impact on the personality forever.

9. The Blessing of Ultimate Triumph and Victory:

The triumph is only promised to the believers. There's no doubt that the believers and non-believers do come against each other, whether in a hot conflict or a cold battle. History bares witness

to the fact that the believers always receive the promised help resulting in triumphs and impactful victories. But yes, for the time being the non-believers do get their chance to taste a temporary upper hand, but the ultimate triumph is only promised to the believers and it's bound to happen as one of the biggest blessings on earth.

10. The Blessing of the Hereafter:

The blessings are countless, but I'd like to end with the biggest of them all i.e. the Paradise in the hereafter. The heavens are only promised to the believers as their ultimate reward in return of the good deeds they did in the world. This day the non-believers would despair and cry out for another chance and sigh for their wrongdoings but no respite will be given to them on that day. And the believers would behold and witness the promises and prophesies of Allah the Almighty materializing while the ones who deny it shall also see it!

May Allah award all the believers with the ultimate prize of Paradise! Aame

Conclusion:

With overwhelming emotions and a heart filled of gratitude I write the conclusion of my book. We learnt from this book that Islam is not only a religion but a system of life. It provides the solutions to the problems of people. But people like Harris Sultan who are misled by their lack of knowledge and hatred towards the religion abuse it. The reasons can be many, they don't want to live a disciplined life or maybe they have some other agendas but one thing is for sure that the doubts they create about God, His existence, Islam and Prophet of Islam must be answered and this is what I have done in this book. My book is directed to the truth seekers first, the Muslims who are looking for answers and then addressing to Harris and people

like him. Honestly I believe a person like Harris with an ill and sick mentality shouldn't read the Quran, he doesn't deserve to, but I still pray for him that he may get guidance and accepts the blessing of Islam. As for me, the people who read my book and found a single useful word in it for them, I request for their prayers for me. JazakAllah Khaira.

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